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School Board Faces Budget Concerns, Construction Delays

Parental concerns, unforeseen poor weather conditions, and general unexpected costs have put the Princeton Regional School District's \$81.3 million construction project for all six schools more than \$700,000 over budget, announced Finance Chairman Alan Hegedus at the School Board meeting on Tuesday, December 16.

Not only that, but construction has been delayed anywhere from one month for John Wilherpoon Middle School's gym addition, to nine months for Littlebrook Elementary School renovations.

While the completion of the middle school's lunch room, due back in September, is expected by the end of this month, Littlebrook renovations, scheduled for completion by February, could be delayed until next November, according to a report distributed by Michael Mostoller, facilities chairman.

As of last Tuesday, 33 percent of the middle school project is complete, while Community Park and Johnson Park are 68 percent complete, and Littlebrook and Riverside are 61 percent complete.

The high school, which just started construction last month, does not have enough work completed to provide a report, said Mr. Hegedus.

Contingency funds for the schools are also being quickly depleted, said Mr. Hegedus. The funds, which are five percent of the overall cost that is put aside for change orders and unexpected costs, are 213 percent over the allotted amounts for Littlebrook and Riverside.

Some unexpected costs at the schools that have come up include \$50,000 in custodial overtime to clean up from construction at the start of school and additional money to counter the costs for flooding at the middle school, which postponed the design and installation of the engineered bracing system in the basement.

Construction on all four elementary schools has been virtually halted for the time being while a \$130,000 ventilation system is installed in each building, said Superintendent Claire

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Settlement Made on Palmer Square Housing

After more than 13 years of debate, Palmer Square Management and the Borough Council have finally reached a settlement regarding the construction of approximately 100 residential units on Paul Robeson Place.

Pending formal approval by the Council, Palmer Square will allow the developer to proceed with the construction of the 97 to 100 housing units, with 10 units of affordable housing scattered throughout the area. The new housing will generate at least \$60 million in new rateables for the Borough.

"After working on this throughout my 13 years as mayor, I'm very pleased to have found a way to resolve our differences," said Mayor Marvin Reed.

Mayor Reed said that talks between himself, Mayor-Elect Joseph O'Neill and developer Oded Aboodi restarted about two months ago when he was approached by Palmer Square Management. Representatives from the organization told the mayor that if the settlement was ever to go through, it would most likely happen while he was still in office, said Mayor Reed.

Wanting to move forward, the mayor approached Council members and asked if they would be willing to make compromises to make the settlement finally go through. They agreed. While only half as many affordable housing units will be built than was first requested, the mayor said he was happy to have resolved the matter during his last six weeks in office.

"There was a lot of give and take," he said. "[The settlement] is not perfect, but it's practical, and it will get the job completed."

The agreement requires 10 percent of the units go toward municipal affordable housing mandates. This figure is down from the 20 percent that the Borough and groups like Princeton Future initially

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'Home for Christmas' Takes On New Meaning For Princeton Habitat for Humanity Family

It is the look of Christmas. Michelle Warren-Williams has her eight-foot tree trimmed to the last piece of garland, bells that chime when she opens the door to her home, and pictures of each of her four children set carefully on the mantel of her fireplace.

When you sit down in this warm and well-kept Leigh Avenue abode, it looks and feels as if she and her family have lived there for years. In fact, Ms. Warren-Williams and her family moved in only five months ago after volunteers from Habitat for Humanity helped her put the finishing touches on the two-family duplex that has been in the works

for four years.

"With my income and my being single, they [Habitat for Humanity] thought they could help," Ms. Warren-Williams said. "I just got lucky."

"Lucky" is a modest way to describe the culmination of over 500 hours of "sweat equity" toward the construction of her house and other Habitat projects, including locations in Trenton and Lawrence.

Working as a lab assistant at Princeton University for nine years while supporting her family while previously living at her parents' house in Ewing, Ms.

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DRESSED IN HOLIDAY STYLE: Eddie the horse dons reindeer antlers and keeps up a good pace to meet high demand for an old-fashioned moment during the holiday rush on Nassau Street.

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Long Arm of the Law: Local Man Extradited On Narcotics Warrant

A surveillance operation run by two Township police officers, Lt. Mark Emann and Det. Cpl. Scott Porreca, has resulted in the arrest of a Princeton man and his extradition to the state of California.

James T. Tkacs, 26, of North Harrison Street, was arrested on the street in front of his home on December 12 following a police investigation that determined he was wanted on an outstanding felony narcotics warrant by the

San Bernardino County (California) Sheriff's Department. The charge in the California case was possession and distribution of a controlled dangerous substance, with bail set at \$20,000.

Following his arrest, the accused was remanded to the Mercer County Detention Center where he was held pending extradition by the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department.

Six drivers wanted on outstanding warrants were arrested by Borough Police.

On December 12, police stopped Christopher Michael Bullock, 26, of Trenton, on Hulfish Street for a motor vehicle violation, then arrested him after learning that he was wanted on a warrant from Spring Lake Heights Municipal Court. He was released after posting bail of \$181. The following day, another Trenton man, Hashan T. Lewis, 29, who had been stopped for a motor vehicle violation on Mercer Street, was subsequently found to be wanted on a warrant from Fanwood. At the direction of Fanwood Municipal Court, he was released on his own recognizance with an order to appear in the Fanwood court on the original charge or face bail of \$800. He was also issued a summons by Borough Police for driving with a suspended license.

A Flemington woman, Linda Mastellone, 43, was also charged with driving with a suspended license after she was stopped on Dickinson Street on December 15. She, too, was found to be wanted on outstanding motor vehicle warrants from other jurisdictions, in her case the Municipal Courts in East Windsor and Cranbury. She was released after posting bail of \$233.

Following an accident on Mercer Street on December 16, Kristin G. Lerner, 23, of Lawrenceville, was arrested after police learned that she was wanted on a warrant out of Hightstown. She, too, was released after paying bail of \$283.

Two other drivers were also released after posting bail—Amanda Reynolds of Princeton and Yamit Bernal-Medina of Plainfield. Stopped December 17 for operating a vehicle with an overdue inspection, Ms. Reynolds, 19, was subsequently arrested on a motor vehicle warrant out of West Windsor. Mr. Bernal-Medina, similarly, was arrested for a motor vehicle warrant from Watchung Borough Municipal Court after he was stopped December 18 for a traffic violation on Mercer Street. Bail

in Ms. Reynolds' case was \$250; in Mr. Bernal-Medina's, \$138.

A Hamilton woman was arrested on Witherspoon Street on December 18 after she allegedly harassed a 21-year-old Princeton woman in violation of a court order. According to police, the accused, Alexandra Jachym, 22, had been ordered by the court to have no further contact with the victim. She was charged with harassment and contempt of court.

A video camera and two portable stereos valued at \$1,250 were reported stolen from Princeton University's Dillon Gym sometime during the evening of December 16 or early morning of December 17. The equipment, taken from the Gym's golf simulator room, had been used by the University golf team for training purposes. Police have no suspects.

An attempted burglary was prevented when an attempt to enter a Mercer Street residence via a first-floor window set off the home's burglar alarm. By the time police arrived on the scene, the perpetrator had fled the scene.

Borough police arrested Erick Edgardo Pinto Polanco, 24, of Trenton, on December 18, on charges of driving while intoxicated. He was assigned a December 29 court date.

Waldorf School Announces Open House Opportunities

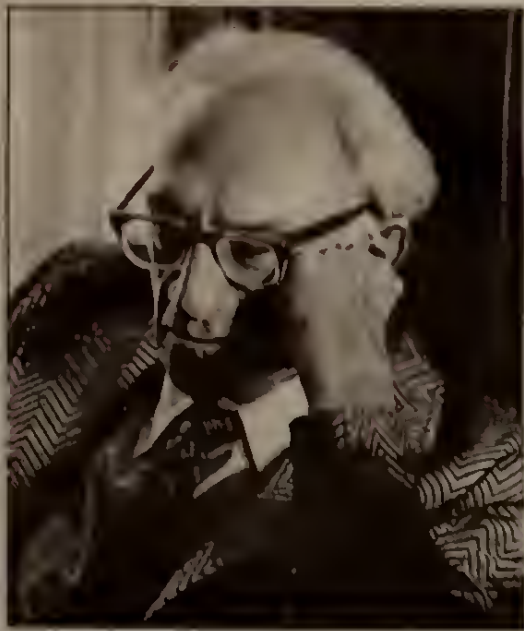
Beginning in January, The Waldorf School of Princeton will offer several open house opportunities for prospective families. On Tuesday, January 6 at 7 p.m., teachers will present a talk for parents on "First Grade Readiness." At 7 p.m. the following Tuesday, January 13, there will be an Information Evening for parents interested in Early Childhood programs. This will be followed by a Grade School Observation Day on Wednesday, January 14, beginning at 8 a.m. Next month's activities will conclude on Saturday, January 24, with an Open House for both the Early Childhood programs and the Grade School (one through eight). The Early Childhood open house will include a "hands-on" experience for young children. On January 24, the school store will also be open to the public.

All open house activities will take place at the school's main campus, 1062 Cherry Hill Road, Princeton. To reserve a space or to request additional information, call the school's admissions office at (609) 466-1970, extension 15.

Immanuel Velikovsky The Truth Behind the Torment

by Ruth Velikovsky Sharon, PhD

The Immanuel Velikovsky case remains one of the great scandals of 20th-Century science.



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by Ruth Velikovsky Sharon, PhD

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CELEBRATING A NEW JERSEY CHRISTMAS: This sketch of Historic Rockingham, drawn by Princeton artist Sergio Bonotto, will appear on Rep. Rush Holt's holiday card for 2003. Rockingham, which is currently being renovated, was moved two years ago to its newest location in Kingston.

Historic Rockingham Chosen for Holiday Greeting Card

Rep. Rush Holt has commissioned a rendering of Historic Rockingham in Kingston for his official 2003 holiday greeting card. Princeton artist Sergio Bonotto created the sketch.

In the past, Mr. Holt has used the artist's drawings of the Einstein House on Mercer Street, the Bridgepoint area in Montgomery Township, and the Roebbing-designed shaky bridge in Trenton for other holiday cards.

The congressman first became acquainted with Mr. Bonotto's work when he saw his drawings of local

landmarks a few years ago in Princeton shops. Mr. Bonotto, 78, was born in Turin, Italy, and came to the U.S. as a war refugee in 1940. He is a retired chemist from Union Carbide and has been drawing since his days in fox holes in World War II.

After finishing his career in the corporate world in 1985, Mr. Bonotto returned to his love of drawing, prints, and watercolors. He learned how to operate an offset press and started his own business selling note cards. The scenes on his cards include sites at Harvard, Yale, and Princeton

Restoration on the house and its two smaller buildings commenced in August 2002, and should be complete by next spring. Currently the home's collection of antiques and artifacts is being stored in Poughkeepsie, N.Y.

To encourage artistic designs in the state building, Rockingham was awarded an Arts Inclusion Grant by the Department of State, New Jersey State Council on the Arts. Items that would have made up Washington's personal and business collection will be purchased by The

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Universities, as well as local landmarks such as Palmer Square, Princeton Seminary, and Witherspoon Street.

The artist's cards may be purchased at college bookshops, Jordan's in the Princeton Shopping Center, and The Papery on Huifish Street.

Mr. Holt chose Historic Rockingham for his holiday card because he was active last June in the 225th anniversary of the Road to Monmouth, which celebrated New Jersey's role during the American Revolution, when the British Army retreated across the state on its way to New York City during the summer of 1778. Mr. Holt wanted to celebrate the area's heritage, as well as to educate others about the role New Jersey and his district have played in the nation's history.

First built in 1710, Rockingham was Gen. George Washington's last war time headquarters in 1783. Also known as the Berrien Mansion, Gen. Washington was staying at the home when he received news that the Treaty of Paris had been signed, giving the 13 colonies independence from Great Britain. In anticipation of the treaty, he had written his Farewell Orders to the Armies of the United States in the "Blue Room" at Rockingham.

Site Renovations

In July 2001, the Historic Rockingham was moved to a location on Rt. 603 in Kingston, which is the fourth move for the historic site. The house has been placed in its original south-facing direction to provide for the appropriate landscaping. The home is currently closed while the Rockingham Association renovates the building.

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GOING FOR A SPIN: Dogs Doodlebug and Belle look about ready to abandon their parking space as they wait for owner Linda Seems to finish her holiday shopping on Palmer Square. Both dogs were rescued from the Trenton Animal Shelter several years ago.

(Photo by George Vogel)

Historic Rockingham

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Rockingham Association to add to the historic home.

In addition, an 1831 Almanac, four 1760 dining chairs, a 19th century journal of Robert Bayles, a former resident of Rockingham, and 18th century sewing supplies have all been donated to the home by private donors.

Trap Rock Industries also donated \$15,000 for the construction of "worm" or "snake" fencing around the property line, and Palestine

Lodge #111 Free & Accepted Masons and the Grand Lodge of New Jersey Free and Accepted Masons each contributed \$2,000 to purchase a flag pole for the property.

The Stony Brook Garden Club, which also took care of the 18th century herb garden on the old property, is working to perfect an historically correct kitchen garden off the front of the home.

The Rockingham Association anticipates a re-opening celebration for the home next spring.

—Candace Braun

Historical Society Sets Museum Trip

The Historical Society of Princeton is planning a day trip to New York's American Museum of Natural History on Thursday, January 8.

The day will begin at 8:30 a.m. in Princeton University Parking Lot 21, with return scheduled for 5 p.m.

At the museum, regular exhibition halls, including the Hall of Ocean Life, with its impressive blue whale, can be seen along with two special exhibits that will be on view at the time. They are "Petra: Lost City of Stone" and "The

Butterfly Conservatory: Tropical Butterflies Alive in Winter."

The Petra exhibit tells the story of the ancient metropolis at the crossroads of world trade and the technological feats that the Nabataeans employed to build and maintain the city in the harsh desert environment. The society's trip will include a guided tour through the exhibit.

The butterfly exhibit will feature more than 500 live, free-flying tropical butterflies; and the society has timed tickets to visit the conservatory.

The day will include a catered, three-course lunch served in the Islamic Court within the museum.

The tour is limited to 49 people. Non-members may participate if places are available after the cancellation deadline, December 20.

The cost of the trip is \$80 for members, including transportation, museum admission, lunch and a \$10 contribution to the society. The cost of the trip for non-members is \$90.

To register or for more information, call (609) 924-8375.

Arts Council Presents Christmas Eve Caroling

The Arts Council of Princeton will lead candlelight Christmas Eve caroling that will include singing with the Blawenburg Brass Band.

The annual event, being held in cooperation with Palmer Square Management and the Nassau Inn, will begin

at 5:15 p.m. on Wednesday, will be provided courtesy of December 24, on the front the event's sponsors: Hazel & Hannah's Patisserie, Main ing, located on the corner of Street Cafe, and Quizno's at Witherspoon Street and Paul the Princeton Shopping Center.

From there, carolers will progress to the Green on Palmer Square. Participants are encouraged to bring candles, lanterns, flashlights and bells. A visit from Santa is also expected. Song sheets will be provided.



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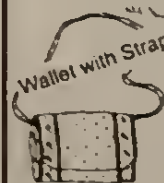
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Leonard Godfrey

Many times during eight years as a member of the Princeton Township Committee, Leonard Godfrey has taken the minority opinion on issues that the Township has confronted.

While a democrat on a traditionally all-democratic entity, Mr. Godfrey is known for voting against the grain on important issues, making waves in the Township. From the deer issue, to the fiscal equity between the Township and Borough, Mr. Godfrey has been recognized as a legislator who governs with his heart.

Two weeks ago, the Township Committee recognized his form of governance by honoring Mr. Godfrey, 75, with a proclamation commemorating his years of service to Princeton.

In November, Bill Hearn, democrat, was elected to fill the seat being vacated by Mr. Godfrey.

Mr. Godfrey's service on the Committee has always been influenced on what is right, and not by politics according to his wife, Gillian.

A resident of the Township since 1977, Mr. Godfrey first served on the Committee from 1989 to 1991. He was elected to a second term in 1997.

Township Mayor Phyllis Marchand said Mr. Godfrey

has always tried to serve the Township with the best interests of the community in mind and made a historical reference to his tenure on the Committee.

"I think [he is] sort of the Grover Cleveland of Princeton because of [his] two, non-consecutive terms," she quipped.

"He has worked continuously for the benefit of the Princeton community while striving to maintain its quality of life," she said.

Mr. Godfrey's public service record exhibits a tireless effort to take part in the issues of the Township faces—even when that effort contrasts the views of his colleagues.

Recently, Mr. Godfrey voted against the measure approving the United Bowhunters Association as manager of the bowhunting element of the Township's deer management program.

Historically, Mr. Godfrey has also opposed the advent of the formerly-known Millstone Bypass. The bypass, which has been an issue concerning both Princetons for longer than many of its residents have been alive, is a two-lane highway that has been proposed to carry traffic around Route 1 in northern West Windsor Township, affecting traffic flow throughout the entire region.

Another element of Mr. Godfrey's platform over the years was correcting the financial disparity between the Township and the Borough. He has worked to restore the balance between taxes paid by the Borough and the Township for shared institutions such as the schools and the library.

Currently, he serves on the Housing Board, and the Cable Television, Sewer Operating, Flood Control, and Traffic Safety committees.

Mr. Godfrey received a Ph.D. in organic chemistry from the University of London in 1962. Throughout his professional career, he has

worked as a university administrator, and a businessman.

Before he retired to serve on the Committee, Mr. Godfrey worked in Trinidad, Geneva, Brussels, Santa Barbara, not to mention Pennington, Rocky Hill, and most recently, Princeton Township.

Holding back tears as the Mayor spoke, Mr. Godfrey was able to make light of the situation, responding to her tribute by saying he would rather be compared to President Clinton, than to President Cleveland.

"I think [President Clinton] had more fun," he said.

He said that he would have to get used to not coming to the Township Municipal Complex on Monday nights for his meetings. "I have to say I will miss working with all the Township staff and my colleagues on the Committee, I will miss them very much," he said.

Township Administrator James Pascale called Mr. Godfrey a "class act."

"I have learned an awful lot from Leonard, and we have all benefited greatly from [him]" he added.

—Matthew Hersh

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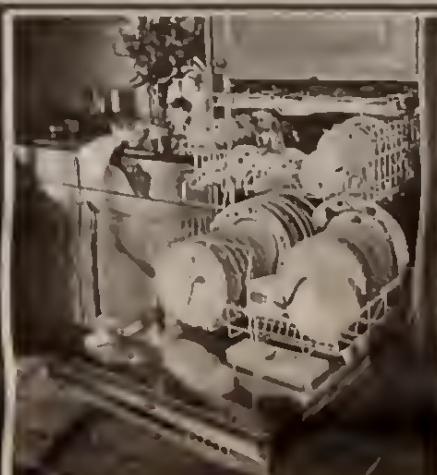
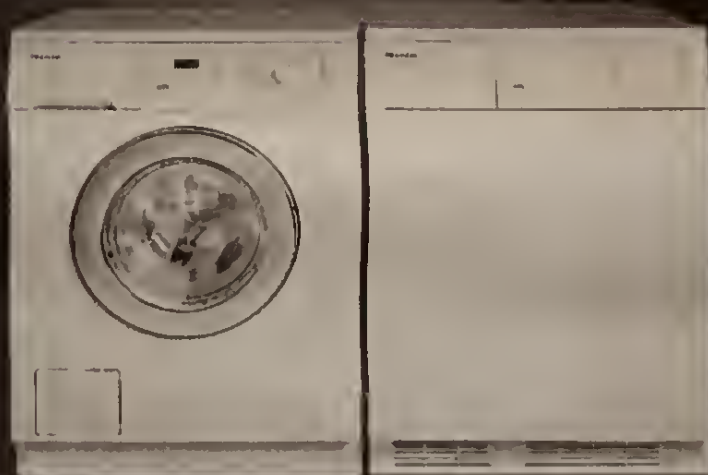
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Eppel-Jylkka. Meredith Leigh Eppel, daughter of Nancy and Dudley Eppel of Princeton, to Christopher Everett Jylkka, son of Christina Corliss Rourke and Edwin Jylkka, both of Rockport, Mass. The September 13 ceremony took place on the island of Martha's Vineyard, with Chilmark Justice of the Peace Mairily Fenner conducting a civil ceremony of the couple's design.

A reception followed at Inisfree, the summer residence of the bride's parents.

The bride grew up in Princeton and graduated from Princeton Day School. She received a B.A. in fine arts from Colorado College, a master's degree in teaching art from Tufts University/Boston Museum School, and a master's in education from Harvard. She is currently the director of the National Arts & Learning Collaborative at Walnut Hill in Natick, Mass., and an arts education instructor at Brandeis University. She is also an artist and has exhibited her work in the Boston area, on Martha's Vineyard, and at the Princeton Arts Council and Princeton Day School.

The groom graduated from the the University of Massachusetts at Amherst with a degree in hotel and restaurant management and a minor in economics. He is director of West Operations at Edison Mission Marketing and Trading, an independent power producer and subsidiary of Edison International. He carries a 100-ton boat captain's license and spent several years sailing in Hawaii and Florida before returning to New England.

The couple honeymooned in the islands and mountains of Panama. They reside in Watertown, Mass.

Settlement Made

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sought. Princeton Future, established in 2000, is a group of residents whose goal is focused on Princeton development including downtown development.

Housing History

The 97 units, originally designed by Robert Hillier, has been the subject of a long-term, contentious battle.

The Princeton Regional Planning Board approved a plan by the Collins Development Corp., now known as Palmer Square Management, to build 97 residential units, retail space, and an office complex along undeveloped land near Paul Robeson Place. Palmer Square constructed the commercial components of the project, as well as 17 additional units, but did not proceed constructing the remaining, approved 97 housing units.

One mandate contingent under Borough affordable housing codes was that 20 percent of the units built be put forth as affordable housing.

Palmer Square contended that the Borough's affordable housing code, known as Mt. Laurel II, came into effect alter the units were approved and subsequently did not apply to any housing complex built on the privately-owned land. However, the Borough argued that the grandfather clause to the code had expired and that if residential development were to occur, it must include this mandate.

In the end, state law, which now states only a minimum of 10 percent of housing units must be affordable, ruled over the argument.

While the housing units will now finally be built, not all parties involved appear to be pleased with the potential outcome.

"You can't force a private developer to do what he doesn't want to do," said Robert Goheen of Princeton Future. "We proposed to Mr. Aboudi another architectural scheme which put more varied apartments there and would bring more diversity to that part of town," he said. "But he chose not to bite on that, I think it would have been a better solution."

However, Mr. Goheen said

an end to years of disagreement would be a welcome change and at the least, a productive use of land that has been unused for many years.

"It is a good thing that area that has been unattractive for so long and looks almost blighted is going to be occupied with people and people paying rent," he said.

Another concern of Princeton Future's is the barrier-effect that structures built along Paul Robeson Place may pose on the John-Witherspoon neighborhood. One of the efforts of the group is to change traffic patterns along the "Paul Robeson Speedway" that effectively creates a wall between the Palmer Square and the neighborhood that lies behind it. Princeton Future has aimed to make that area more pedestrian-friendly for residents crossing Paul Robeson Place into downtown Princeton.

Sheldon Sturges, also of Princeton Future, said that Palmer Square Management chose to deal only with Borough Council and not listen to the "one voice" of Princeton as a whole. He addressed the issue of "opening up" the physical layout of the units facing Paul Robeson Place.

"A better design would open it up more and not turn it into a gated community for rich people," he said.

He also addressed the concern that affordable housing next to luxury housing may reduce the value of the property.

"Princeton is one of the few places where you can maintain economic values with different incomes," he said.

Mr. Sturges also worried that the affordable housing units would not be part of structures built on Hulfish North, and that they would be "scattered" elsewhere in Palmer Square.

"We would not want to see the [affordable housing] units over Etc. Company," he said.

Palmer Square will be required to complete the construction of the new develop-

ment within five years of the issuance of a building permit and approvals by both the Princeton Regional Planning Board and state agencies.

The affordable housing units must be built within the area bounded by Nassau, Witherspoon and Chambers Streets, and Paul Robeson Place. Palmer Square and the Borough will work cooperatively to produce a pool of candidates to occupy the affordable housing units, and the final selection will be made by Palmer Square.

The Borough will receive a series of payments from Palmer Square to cover the cost of off-site improvements, and the review and processing of building plans. This will include \$75,000 to be placed in escrow for plan review and approval, \$71,775 for past improvements on Chambers Street, and \$10,000 for improvements on properties on Paul Robeson Place.

Additionally, Palmer Square agreed to pay up to \$137,000 for sewer line upgrades, as well as \$300,000 in connection fees.

If approved, the Borough will cooperate with Palmer Square in expediting approvals for development, and will introduce an ordinance to allow for stacked parking for the new development site.

The Council will vote on a motion to release the settlement at its meeting on Tuesday, December 23. It will then hold a public hearing to adopt the developer's agreement on Tuesday, January 13.

—Candace Braun
Matthew Hersh

Full Range of ESL Classes Offered at YWCA Princeton

The YWCA Princeton isn't just about swimming lessons and staying fit. The English as a Second Language department offers a full range of classes, from the very basics for those who can't speak a word of English, to more advanced classes for those who just need a little touching up on grammar or pronunciation.

ESL classes are kept small so that individual attention can be paid to each participant through one-on-one interaction. Basic language education can be supplemented with enrichment courses such as "Business English" and "TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language) Preparation." There is even a "Citizenship Preparation" class for those who would like to prepare for U.S. citizenship.

Special courses are also available for immigrants with little literacy or schooling in their first language. Limited scholarships are available for the beginning levels, as are membership subsidies.

The ESL program at the YW offers more than just classes. It is a cross-cultural center that serves as a meeting place where students can interact with one another as well as with community members who voluntarily tutor in English conversation. Potluck meals are occasionally held and students are encouraged to share customs from their countries through classes such as international cooking and origami and an annual "Art Share" exhibition showcasing students' skills.

For more information on the YWCA Princeton's comprehensive ESL program, call (609) 497-2100, extension 329.

Winter Children's Program Scheduled by Watershed

The Stony Brook-Millstone Watershed Association will offer "Winter Adventure" for school age children, ages 6 to 12, on Friday, December 30 from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The all-day program will include a bushwhacking hike and a search for signs of winter animals such as rabbits, owls, and foxes.

Participants should dress warmly and bring lunch.

Registration is required by December 30.

The fee for the program is \$35 for members, \$45 for non-members. For more information call (609) 737-7592.

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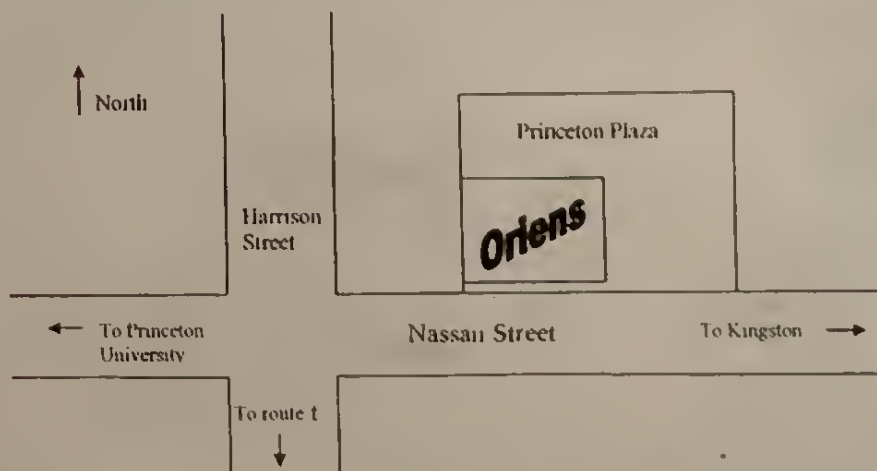
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School Board

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Sheff Kohn at the December 16 meeting.

In addition, testing for asbestos and the cleanliness of pipes, air, and water have cost the District at least \$45,000.

"These are all things that have been done to meet the parents' concerns," said Mr. Hegedus. Because of these unexpected expenses, he noted, other projects that were postponed for the time being may not go through, such as replacement furniture and fixtures at the four elementary schools and middle school.

"At the rate at which we're chewing through the contingency funds, other possible projects won't go through," Mr. Hegedus said.

A second ballot question in April may ask taxpayers for an additional \$1.5 million to cover these costs.

One Littlebrook parent, Camm Epstein, said that concerns being brought to the Board's attention are still not being addressed. He pointed

out that construction materials continue to be piled up against heating and air conditioning intakes at the schools.

Mr. Epstein, who has spoken at other Board meetings, said he felt that construction hazards should be addressed on a regular basis by an employee of the district.

"Parents shouldn't have to be monitors for these problems," he added.

Dr. Kohn said that school principals should be notified when there is a concern, as they have direct access to an Epic Construction manager on the site.

In other news, the Health and Safety Committee met to review the second draft of the Health and Safety Plan on Wednesday, December 17. The plan is expected to be made public by the beginning of January.

In addition, Dr. Kohn announced that a newsletter updating parents and students on construction will be sent out at the end of February.

—Candace Braun

How to Eat Healthy During the Holidays

Marcus Garand, RD, outpatient dietitian for Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital, makes several recommendations on how to eat healthy during the holidays.

One suggestion on how to stop from over eating is to compare food portion sizes with familiar objects. For example, a main course with three ounces of meat is equivalent to the size of a deck of cards. A medium potato is comparable to the size of a computer mouse and one cup of pasta or rice is the same size as a tennis ball.

In addition to watching portion sizes, trimming fat and calories can make dishes healthier. Gravy will lose calories and fat when it is passed through a skimmer, skinless white meat turkey is healthier than dark meat, and stuffing will have less fat and calories if it is cooked outside the turkey.

Using alternate ingredients is another way to reduce calories. Light or reduced fat margarine can be substituted for butter, fat free frozen yogurt for ice cream, and low fat or fat free salad dressing instead of regular.

Eight Births Reported At Princeton Hospital

The Princeton HealthCare System has reported seven births to area residents in the week ending December 19.

Twin daughters were born to Edward and Beth Hirschman, Princeton, December 16. Daughters were also born to Zoubir and Erika Yazid, Princeton, December 7; Edward and Donna Yocum, Princeton Junction, December 11; Miland and Mitall Hajarani, West Windsor, December 12; and Christopher and Patricia Cordasco, West Windsor, December 18.

A son was born to Alan and Shira Leeds, West Windsor, December 16. A son was also born to Anne and Tom Kurtz, Princeton, December 18.

BOOK REVIEW

"Device" Shows Everyday Things In New Light

Shortly after the great power-grid breakdown of 2003, I was in Montreal channel-surfing on a motel TV when a familiar Princeton face appeared on the screen. The last time I'd seen Edward Tenner he was buying an armload of books gleaned from the shelves of the ongoing book sale of Friends of the Princeton Library. Now he was on the air with CNBC's Lou Dobbs, being consulted about possible causes of the power failure in the context suggested by his book, *Why Things Bite Back* (1997).

In his latest work, *Our Own Devices: The Past and Future of Body Technology* (2003), the "things" under consideration don't bite back; in fact, they conform to our needs and desires, and influence how we do what we do. It explores how technology changes us as much as we change it.

It's a scholarly, if eclectic, look at the evolution of "things" such as footwear, armchairs, keyboards, and eyeglasses. Therefore, it's not unlikely that at least one of the books in the armload Mr. Tenner found on the library's sale shelves has provided or will provide some material for one of his projects. Indeed, what better resource for an expert in the study of unintended consequences than a random assortment of books of varying age, subject, and condition? And the man National Public Radio dubbed "philosopher of everyday technology" pointed out recently the amusingly appropriate chance juxtaposition of titles.

But readers of Mr. Tenner's book will find that he is not so much a philosopher, as a Balzacian historian. By "Balzacian" I mean to suggest the obsessive intensity of that novelist's exploration of every aspect of every subject he pursues. Mr. Tenner writes with clarity, weaving his intricate, elaborate web of insights and discoveries finely enough to achieve the goal stated in the preface — that of finding new ways of looking at the commonplace.

Mr. Tenner is currently senior research associate at the Jerome and Dorothy Leinelson Center for the Study of Invention and Innovation at the National Museum of American History at the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C. His enterprise is the sort that invites readers to plunge in wherever they choose. True to its title, the book leaves readers to their own devices. So if the technology of the midsole in running shoes gets boring or the historical development of office furniture seems dull, jumping ahead to another chapter is allowable.

Readers should be warned, however, that by taking a hit-and-miss approach, they risk missing the sentences Mr. Tenner uses to begin the plant fibers for sandals for desert

peoples and that with which he ends the biodegradation of leather in the remains of the Titanic.

In a paragraph on the same page, he cites Herman Melville on the toes of the Marquesas Islanders, an expert on barefoot peoples, and a team of Japanese medical researchers. He concludes with a young American teacher's discussion of her adjustment to thong sandals in Hawaii in the 1960s.

According to Mr. Tenner's schemata, the technology is embodied by the shoe, the chair, the keyboard, the spectacles. The effect is to make us focus more closely on things we otherwise might take for granted: our shoes, the chair we're sitting in and the way we're sitting, our relationship to the keyboard we're typing on, the lenses of our glasses, if we're wearing any, and even our primal nourishment, since the first technology in *Our Own Devices* is bottle-feeding and the first illustration in the book is the pre-20th century nursing bottles that were "hygienic nightmares."

At the same time, the notion of "unintended consequences" brings to the forefront relatively recent events like the consequences of an attempt to simplify the 2000 election ballot in West Palm Beach; or, as Mr. Tenner points out, what happened to Nike when its basketball-oriented "swoosh" turned up on capsules of Ecstasy.

This precedes another typical Tenner turn wherein he observes that the members of the Heaven's Gate cult outfitted themselves in new black Nike tennis shoes for their mass suicide: "Whether it was a sardonic comment on the consumer society they were leaving or an invocation of the manufacturer's advertising slogan of the time, 'Just do it,' the gesture showed the exposure of megabrands to uses beyond the powers of trademark lawyers," he stated in the book.

The parts of the book I found less interesting were generally those where the emphasis was more technical than historical, with sources like "Design," "Interior Design," "Applied Ergonomics," and "Managing Office Technology." But there was no lack of interest among those listening to Mr. Tenner at a recent talk about inventions and inventors at the annual meeting of the Friends of Princeton Library.

For this Princeton-area resident, fresh material is omnipresent, and available even on the sale shelves at the Princeton library.

—Stuart Mitchner

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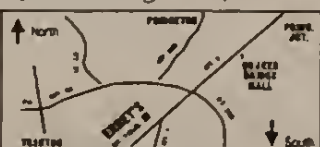
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MAILBOX

Arts Council Building Expansion Is Needed to Meet Legal Mandates

To the Editor:

I am writing on behalf of the Arts Council of Princeton to respond to statements in the press that the Arts Council's proposed building plans are "massive" and inappropriate to their location. These assertions are based on a misunderstanding of what we propose.

The size issue is really two issues: visual bulk, and impact on the neighbors of the level of usage which will result.

As to visual bulk: while the square footage of our building will almost double, the footprint will only be 19 percent larger than the present footprint, and the roofline of the additional wing will be no higher than the roofline of the present structure. In fact, most of the additional square footage will not be visible because it will be below grade. This is the result of our decision, in response to criticism from members of the Witherspoon-Jackson Association, to do very expensive excavation so as to reduce the visible bulk of the building. The building will be no greater in appearance than nearby community structures, including the Witherspoon Presbyterian and First Baptist Churches and Dorothea's House. The addition will be on the sides farthest from the neighborhood, facing the cemetery and the central business district.

As to the resulting levels of usage and their impact, presently our space is strained to and beyond the limit, with every room used for multiple purposes. The additional space planned is meant to improve and enhance program quality and to meet legal mandates, not to accommodate significant increases in usage of the building. For example, Americans for Disabilities Act and Code compliance requirements account for an increase of about 3,400 square feet. Improvement of the present loft theater with dressing rooms, storage space, a projection room and an anteroom/lobby, with absolutely no increase provided in its 140-seat capacity, total about 1,150 square feet. Creation of spaces exclusively dedicated to our photography and ceramics programs, the equipment and materials for which suffer most from multiple uses, accounts for about 2,000 square feet. And 900 square feet represent modest expansion of office space to create humane work environments for staff who are now mostly squeezed two into a small room. In total, these uses account for almost 80 percent of the increase planned, but they should generate little additional traffic to the arts center on any given day.

Our plans for the enhanced facility assume an increase of less than 20 people per day attending regular classes and programs in our arts center, with their visits spread out over the morning, afternoon, and evening. While the loft theater may be used more evenings some months than is presently the case (since weekend evenings are already heavily booked, not much increased use is anticipated) it will not have more people at any given event than it already has.

If our building cannot grow, meeting ADA and code requirements will eat up a quarter to a third of our present facility, forcing a dramatic reduction in our programs and activities. Nevertheless, most critics of our proposal have insisted we either stay within the existing footprint, with a few conceding our right to add just enough space to make ADA and building code upgrades. I believe, as do our staff and board, that this is a recipe for failure in our mission to the community. Indeed, the effect of that position, if upheld by the Planning Board, would be to force our departure from the downtown. We believe we can make additions that enable us to serve our neighbors and the community much better, with minor inconvenience to our neighbors.

PETER BIENSTOCK
TRUSTEE,
Arts Council of Princeton

Nassau Inn Is Thanked for Hosting Borough Merchants' Holiday Party

To the Editor:

We would like to thank the Nassau Inn and in particular Lori Rabon, the general manager, for their generosity in hosting the annual Borough Merchants for Princeton's Holiday Party on Wednesday, December 17.

It was a wonderful opportunity for the local business community to gather together and enjoy each other's company and to discuss the Old-Fashioned Holiday Program, which includes the annual tree lighting, the town-wide decorations, Santa's schedule, horse and carriage rides, and strolling musicians.

The food presentation was magnificent, the holiday decorations were festive, and the visit from Santa Claus was a nice surprise.

Again, a hearty thank you to the Nassau Inn for being such a good neighbor and supporter of the Borough Merchants throughout the entire year.

BETH PERRINO
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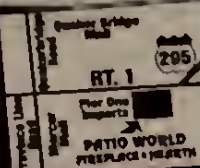
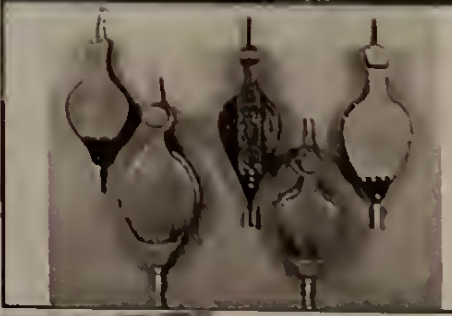


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— Luke Bradley (with Emme), Edwards Place



"Spending time with family in New York City because it is a great place to spend time with family, and is a beautiful place to be during Christmas."

— Ian Goldstein (with Summer), Nelson Ridge Road



"The fondest memories, unquestionably, are of when I was a kid in St. Louis in the 40's, and going down to Famous Barr the famous department store — the wonderful display windows, the great candy shops. Also, going with my father's mother to the Fox Theater and seeing, for example, a pirate movie with Errol Flynn."

— Charles Rippin, Associate Director, Office of Leadership Gifts, Princeton University



"My memories of my grandmother. She was born on Christmas, and she just died two years ago. I am so used to waking up on Christmas and running into her house with her present. She is not here any longer, so my Christmas is get up and go to her grave and pray for her and tell her how much I love her."

— Robin Everett Sr., Princeton



"My childhood, because that's when my grandparents were alive, and they have been gone for so many years now, and I miss them very much. We were very privileged as children — it was a beautiful, beautiful time."

— Jay Smith, Nassau Street

Plasma Physics Prizes Awarded to Two at PPPL

Masaaki Yamada and Hantao Ji, scientists at the U.S. Department of Energy's Princeton Plasma Physics Laboratory (PPPL), have been awarded the Kaul Prize for Excellence in Plasma Physics Research and Technology Development. The award recognizes Messrs. Yamada and Ji "for the experimental investigation of driven magnetic reconnection in a laboratory plasma."

PPPL officials and staff honored Messrs. Yamada and Ji during a ceremony and reception at the Laboratory on November 24. "Masaaki and Hantao, and their graduate students, have opened up a new era in laboratory astrophysics with the MRX experiment," said PPPL Director Rob Goldston.

Magnetic reconnection is the breaking and topological rearrangement of magnetic field lines in a plasma — a hot, ionized gas. It is one of the most fundamental processes of plasma physics and has important relevance to fusion research, as well as to the physics of the earth's magnetosphere and solar flares.

Mr. Yamada, of Princeton, a PPPL Distinguished Research Fellow and an American Physical Society Fellow, is the head of the MRX research program. He received a bachelor's degree and a master's degree from the University of Tokyo and a Ph.D. in physics from the University of Illinois, joining PPPL in 1973 as a postdoctoral fellow. He carried out many basic plasma physics experiments, as well as fusion experiments, before pioneering MRX in the early 1990s to explore the fundamental physics of magnetic reconnection.

Mr. Ji, a Plainsboro resident, is a Principal Research Physicist at PPPL. He received a bachelor's degree in physics from Ehime University in Japan in 1985 and a doctor of science degree in physics from the University of Tokyo in 1990. He conducted plasma physics research at the National Institute for Fusion Sciences in Japan and at the University of Wisconsin-Madison before coming to PPPL. He has been conducting research on the MRX since 1995.

Princeton University awards the Kaul Prize to recognize a recent outstanding technical achievement in plasma physics or technology development by a full-time employee of PPPL. It includes a cash award of \$2,000 for each individual. Former PPPL Director Ronald C. Davidson endowed the Kaul Prize by giving to Princeton University a portion of the gift he received as the 1993 recipient of the Award for Excellence in Science, Education, and Physics from the Kaul Foundation.

Holiday Hours for Palmer Square

On Christmas Eve, from noon - 4 p.m., holiday brass will be strolling through Palmer Square. Caroling on the town green will take place at 5:15 p.m. Merchants will be open for last minute shoppers from 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

December 25, Christmas day, the merchants of Palmer Square will be closed.

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YouthBuild Program Receives HUD Grant

Isles, Inc., a Trenton-based community development and environmental organization, has learned from Congressmen Rush Holt (D) and Chris Smith (R) that it has been awarded a two-year \$700,000 HUD grant for its YouthBuild

program. According to Martin Johnson, president of Isles, Inc., "This was a very competitive process, with few organizations in the country receiving any funds at all. We were one of the very few to receive the maximum amount available. It is great to have the hard work of an extraordinary team of dedicated staff, part-

ners, and trainees, under the leadership of Edward Butler, recognized on a national level."

Over the past 10 years, the growing YouthBuild program's more than 400 trainees have attended high school classes and received hands-on job and life skills in a "tough love" setting while they restored vacant

historic homes that might otherwise have been demolished.

"The \$700,000 for Isles, announced today, is continued reaffirmation of the federal government's strong support for this invaluable city program," Congressman Smith said. "The program has touched countless lives and has had an enormously positive impact in our city."

Congressman Holt noted that the grant "will allow Isles to continue to provide disadvantaged youth in Central New Jersey with both the vocational training they need to earn a living and the academic preparation they need to enrich their lives. The people at Isles do selfless work that gives our youth the tools they need to succeed and they deserve all of our support."

"While we are pleased to receive the funding," Mr. Johnson said, "we are even more satisfied with the number of good paying, full-time jobs trainees are being offered. In addition to those graduates going on to higher education," YouthBuild trainees have recently been hired in full-time jobs in surveying and construction companies and with the City of Trenton. "And employers keep asking us to send on our well prepared graduates," Mr. Johnson added, "this is the best evidence that our graduates — who many had written off — are succeeding."

"YouthBuild is an important Trenton success story," said Mayor Douglas H. Palmer. "It is about believing in young people and following up with the assistance they need to prepare well for the future. So many of our young people simply need a helping hand at the right moment. YouthBuild is a great example of how to restore not just homes, but individual hopes."

Since 2000, 48 YouthBuild trainees have received high school diplomas, 44 have moved into living wage jobs, 21 are in programs of continuing education. In addition, three housing units have been restored (with three more underway) and the demand for training and education has skyrocketed.

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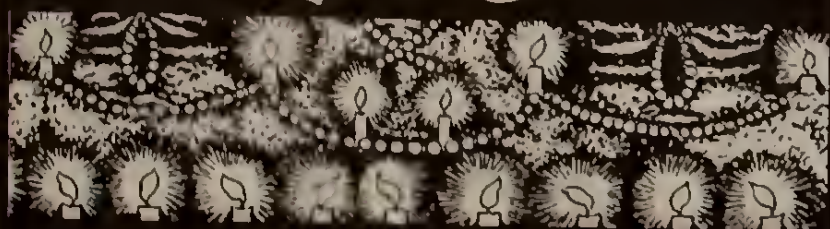
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Habitat for Humanity

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Warren-Williams took steps two years ago to get into affordable housing in the area, which included applying for the Habitat for Humanity program. Once she submitted her application, she said she had prepared herself to carry on with her life and wait for news.

She did not have to wait long. "They just called me up and told me I was chosen," she said.

However, it is not always that simple. Ms. Warren-Williams had to commit to a project that would not produce results for two years or possibly more. Working full-time, making time to raise four children, and devote 500 hours to the Habitat project was not easy, but well worth it, she said.

"They accepted me into the program a good year and half before the [Leigh Avenue] house was even started, so I was already working on a house in Trenton," she said.

The house was purchased by Princeton Township from a private owner in 1999 for \$72,500 and, in turn, sold to Habitat for Humanity for \$1.

The not-for-profit organization financed all construction costs and recruited volunteers and families involved in the program to work on-site.

Criteria for the program require that an applicant currently lives in sub-standard, unaffordable, or over-crowded housing, and can afford a housing payment of approximately \$500 per month that includes principle, maintenance escrow, taxes, and insurance.

The Leigh Avenue house was applied to Princeton Township's affordable housing requirements. Each New Jersey municipality is required by state law to have a percentage of its housing be classified as "affordable."

Additionally, the application and selection process involves the Family Selection Committee that reviews the applications and works with applicants to obtain credit checks, references, income tax forms, and pay stubs.

Further, the program requires that a family must have a willingness to see out a project. According to Peter Madison, executive director of the Trenton Chapter for Habitat for Humanity, this factor is

the decisive element as to who will ultimately qualify for the program. He said that families like Ms. Warren-Williams' are perfect for the program.

"Some people didn't understand the need to put in the 'sweat equity' hours and just didn't want to do that," he observed.

Ms. Warren-Williams said she devoted approximately one to two days per week toward the project and that her children got involved in the process as well.

"I think my oldest son experienced a lot because he got to know how to do things around the house that he didn't know before," she said. "The kids are very happy with what they have, even the younger ones."

The Nature of the Habitat

Affordable housing often consists of units owned and operated by investors of not-for-profit groups that rent to people for rates below market levels, Mr. Madison noted. However, for Habitat projects "the people actually end up owning the property," he said. Owners are then given a 20-year, interest free mortgage for the cost of materials, which, in the case of the Leigh Avenue project, was about \$65,000.

"It's pretty inexpensive because the monthly mortgage payment was about \$250," he said.

Mr. Madison added that, including real estate taxes and insurance, monthly payments in this case are approximately \$450 per month. "It's significantly less than renting an apartment and helps the buyer build equity," he said.

Further, when the Warren-Williams family is ready to move, Habitat for Humanity has the right to buy the house back at cost, giving the owner a consumer price index factor. However, the seller does not get the market rate for prime Princeton property near schools and town.

"It prevents people from speculating and keeps the house affordable [for the next family]," Mr. Madison said.

He also stressed that, unlike other modes of affordable housing, Habitat projects are largely built by volunteers. By his estimate, approximately 85 percent of the people working on-site are volunteers. Professional plumbers and electricians were brought in to work on Ms. Warren-Williams' house as well, according to Mr. Madison.

History of the Home

As Mr. Madison pointed out, the Leigh Avenue site was a "good choice" to use for the Habitat project. For a family that supports children, it is virtually next to Community Park School, and a 10-minute walk to Princeton High School. The house is on a wide, quiet street and is about 15-minutes walking distance to town. The scenario was set for a two-family duplex, but Mr. Madison said there was extensive work to be done to the property.

"[The previous owner] left piles of stuff inside, so we had to clear that out," he said. "We needed to install a sump pump, drainage pipes, a new roof, and redo the floor structure of the second floor."

"It may have been a retail store with some upstairs apartments at one point," he said, making reference to



HOME FOR CHRISTMAS: Michelle Warren-Williams celebrates Christmas in her new home with daughters Ashley, left, and Melanie, and sons Christian and Tommy, standing. The family moved into their Leigh Avenue residence in July after participating in the Habitat for Humanity program.

large, "storefront-type" bay windows on the first floor.

Habitat for Humanity is an ecumenical, non-discriminative Christian organization that is responsible for the building of 100,000 homes worldwide. Habitat mortgages are issued on a no-profit, zero-interest basis.

Since the inception of the Trenton chapter in 1986, 47 houses have been built in the greater Princeton-Trenton area.

—Matthew Hersh



OUTSIDE THE HABITAT: The quiet Leigh Avenue location is perfect for the Warren-Williamses. It is a short walk to Ms. Warren-Williams's job at Princeton University and because three of her four children attend Princeton schools, the commute is not an issue. Her oldest son, Tommy, has graduated.



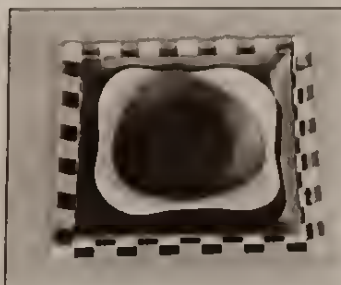
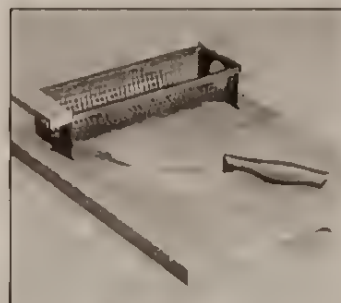
READY FOR THE HOLIDAY: The Warren-Williamses are prepared for the holiday now that they have settled in to their new home. "With my income and my being single, they [Habitat for Humanity] thought they could help," Michelle Warren-Williams said. "I just got lucky."

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Jewish Singles of Mercer County has scheduled a Sunday brunch at 11 a.m. on Sunday, January 11, at KC Prime Steakhouse in Lawrenceville. All Jewish singles age 35 to 55 are invited. The cost will be \$20 per person. For reservations, call Judie Trachtenberg at (609) 987-8100 by January 5.

Jewish Singles of Mercer County is sponsored by the Board of Rabbis of Princeton-Mercer-Bucks, representing Adath Israel Congregation, Beth El Synagogue, Congregation Beth Chaim, Congregation Brothers of Israel, Har Sinai Temple, and the Jewish Center of Princeton.

The KC Prime Steakhouse is located at the intersection of Quakerbridge and Clarksville Roads.

The **Princeton Regional Chamber of Commerce** has announced the addition of nine new board members of its board of directors, with terms beginning January 1. They are Vernon A. Bramble of Recording for the Blind & Dyslexic, Patrick Farrell of Commerce Bank, Gerard L. Fennelly of NAI Fennelly, Helene M. Garcia of Merrill Lynch, J. Robert Hillier of Hillier Architects, Teri McIntire of Maya Marketing, Len Smith of WithumSmith+Brown, Christopher Tarr of Smith, Stratton, Wise, Heher & Brennan, and Charles Young of Tyco International.

The **Princeton Breast Institute** has scheduled cancer support meetings for 12:30 p.m. on January 7, January 21, February 4, and February 18 at the Institute's office at 842 State Road. For more information, call (609) 924-1528.

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The Caro-Kann Defense has historically been employed by grandmasters who are playing for a draw in a tournament game. However, there is no denying the dynamic capabilities of this solid defense.

In a previous column, I described black's main idea: control the d5 square by ...Nf6, ...c6, and even sometimes ...e6. In recent years, opening theorists have attempted to come up with some better systems for white because black had been equalizing far too easily.

One of the most common ideas now is a variation in the advance system (1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5) when white plays g4, Nc3, and Nge2 soon to be followed by Nf4. Black has a few options against this though, he can play simply with ...h6, ...Bh7 and a later ...c5, or he can choose to play more dynamically with ...h5!?

Another try for white is the Fantasy Variation, initiated by the opening moves 1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.f3, establishing white's pawn e4. There are, of course, drawbacks to this move. The knight usually finds a good home at f3, where it can now no longer go. This move can also be deemed passive. While it might be strong if black plays in a normal Caro-Kann fashion and gets crushed by white's advantage in space, black can get a good game through active play.

In this week's featured game, Lyell plays with inspiration (a little home preparation also helped). Notice how his play leads to easy development and a strong attack while white's king is stuck in the center.



Solution at bottom
White to mate in two.

Notice the difficulty white has developing comfortably his kingside pieces (i.e. the knight blocks the bishop). And black could have even improved an otherwise flawless game with 12...Bxe5 13.fxe5 Qxc3+ 14.Bd2 Qxe5+ 15.Be2 Bb5 with a three pawn advantage.

Enjoy. Happy Holidays.

—Chad Lieberman

Taylor, R. (2195) - Lyell, M. (2265)

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1.e4	c6
2.d4	d5
3.f3	e6
4.Nc3	Qb6
5.Nge2	Nf6
6.Ng3	c5
7.dxc5	Bxc5
8.Na4	Qa5+
9.c3	Bd6
10.f4	Bd7
11.e5	Bxa4
12.b3	Bc5
13.bxa4	Qxc3+
14.Bd2	Qd4
15.Bb5+	Nc6
16.Rf1	Ne4
17.Nxe4	dxe4
18.Rc1	0-0-0
19.Qc2	Rd7
20.f5	exf5
21.Rxf5	Qg1+
22.Bf1	Be3
23.Bxe3	Qxe3+
24.Be2	Rhd8
25.Qc5	Rd1+

White resigns

Solution:
1.Qxh7+! 2.Rh1#

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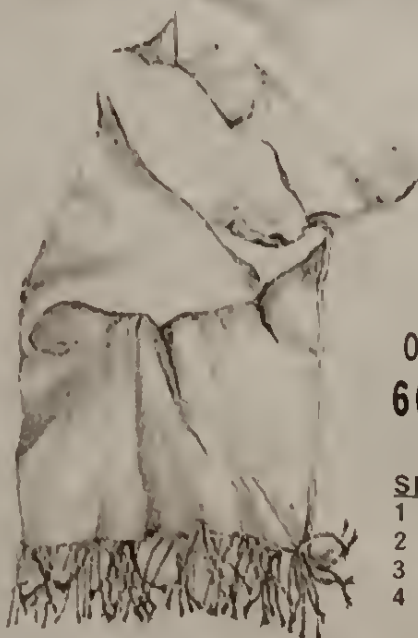
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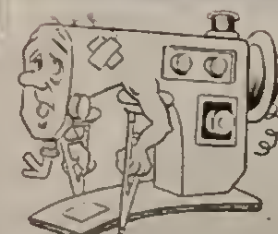
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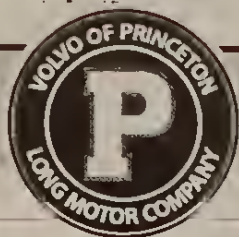
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MUSIC REVIEW

The Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center Brings Elegant Bach Performance to Richardson Auditorium

With works performed as often as Bach's six Brandenburg Concerti, one wonders what there is new to bring to a performance, or how an ensemble will distinguish itself with a particular interpretation. Some performers distinguish themselves by presenting the works in a different order, on original instruments, or with star soloists. The Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center, which happens to be comprised of star soloists, distinguished itself in its presentation of these concerti on Monday night at Richardson Auditorium by a light refreshing approach to the pieces. The modern instrument ensemble played with 18th century style and balance of sound and line as the players presented the six three-movement works in order from 1 through 6.

Monday night's roster of the Chamber Society included some of the most innovative and notable players in classical music, including violinist Joseph Silverstein, flutist Ransom Wilson, the Kavafian sisters on violin and double bassist Edgar Meyer, who has been combining the sound of the bass with such unusual instruments as the banjo. These soloists, as well as the rest of the ensemble, vitalized these concerti with clean, precise, yet at times passionate playing.

The foundation of the ensemble sound was primarily maintained by harpsichordist John Gibbons, joined by Mr. Meyer and cellists Fred Sherry and Sophie Shao. In the "Adagio" movement of Concerto Number 1, the cellos and double basses really dug in, but also sustained the sound under the solo oboe and violin, with an ending to the movement reminiscent of Monteverdi in its emotionalism.

Evident from the beginning of the concert was the elegant line to phrases with which the players performed. This was clear in the popular Concerto Number 2 in F Major, featuring trumpet player Eric Aubier, flutist Ransom Wilson and violinist Joseph Silverstein. Mr. Aubier provided an unfrenetic trumpet solo and fit well into the texture of a very quick concerto. The third movement was a test of trumpet clarity, and the ensemble played with a clipped,

almost detached style to keep this tempo going.

Concerto Number 3 in G Major is unique in that there are no single soloists — the ensemble sections play off of each other. Apparent in this concerto was the individuality within the instrumental sections, especially among the violas, led by Paul Neubauer and Cynthia Phelps. Violinist Ani Kavafian stylistically improvised the two-chord "Adagio" that linked the two "Allegro" sections.

Ida Kavafian joined her sister on violin in the fourth concerto, showing an even and light touch against Ani's more passionate style. This concerto was the roughest of the four, marred by a few glitches and scattered moments, but also marked by exquisite playing by flutists Demarre McGill and Tara Helen O'Connor. Communication between the flutes was clear, and Mr. McGill played the tiny cadenzas with great finesse.

Concerto Number 5 is the concerto for harpsichord, as well as other instruments, but Mr. Gibbons played with such subtlety and flow that one heard the harpsichord as an underlying member of the ensemble, rather than a featured solo instrument. Violinist Cho-Liang Lin played with a great deal of spirit and delicacy, and with his fellow soloists provided a tremendous musical dialogue. The violin was the most exposed instrument in this concerto, and Mr. Lin was able to create great diversity in the dynamics.

Six Brandenburg Concerti in an evening is a lot of Bach. With new soloists continually taking the forefront, the Chamber Music Society was able to maintain variety in the performance and keep the audience guessing about the next combination of sounds. The ensemble consistently played this music with freshness, characterizing the melodic sequences with style, rather than mere repetition. This is a first-class ensemble with first-class players, all of whom are either well established in the performing arena or on the cutting edge of their careers. There can never be too much of anything with this quality of playing.

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Ms. Herdman, a frequent performer in Princeton, first carved a niche for herself by introducing to North America folk music from Australia and New Zealand, including her musical settings of verses of the Australian folk poet Henry Lawson. Her more recent releases have included songs composed by Bill Staines, Woody Guthrie, "Utah" Phillips, and Stan Rogers. She has recorded 12 solo albums to date, including several children's albums and her latest release, *The Road Home*. She

has toured as part of a trio with Anne Hills and Cindy Mangsen and has recorded three albums with them.



Priscilla Herdman

Ms. Herdman has performed at festivals, colleges,

folk clubs, and coffee houses across the United States, Canada, Australia, and New Zealand, and has been a guest on such folk radio programs as *Prairie Home Companion*, *Mountain Stage*, and *Midnight Special*. Critic Stephen Holden of *The New York Times* has described her voice as "one of the clearest and most compelling in contemporary folk music."

Admission will be \$15 for the public, \$10 for members of the Folk Music Society and affiliated organizations, \$3 for children 11 and under, and special rates for students. There are no advance sales.

Ample free parking is available at the church, which is located at 50 Walnut Lane, Princeton.

For further information about upcoming Folk Music Society events, call (609) 799-0944.

Festival in January "Dvorak Centenary" Is Theme for NJSO

The New Jersey Symphony Orchestra's annual three-week festival in January will commemorate the 100th anniversary of the death of Czech composer Antonin Dvorak, and will focus on the specific musical influences on Dvorak during his three-and-a-half year visit to America in the 1890s. The Orchestra's theme-based festivals have been presented each January since 1998.

The NJSO's 2004 Winter Festival—*The Dvorak Centenary: Inspiring America*—represents the culmination of a two-year festival theme exploring the numerous indigenous American sounds that have influenced the development of a national musical

voice. These sounds have included Native American chant and diverse African-American elements such as plantation melodies, ragtime, and jazz, each of which was explored during the NJSO's 2003 American Roots Festival.

In addition to the presentation of numerous orchestral programs devoted to the music of Antonin Dvorak, the Winter Festival will include several lecture-demonstrations which will serve as the platform for educational projects that use Dvorak's music as their core.

The Winter Festival concert titles, dates and venues are as follows:

A Dvorak Sampler: Wednesday, January 7 at 7:30 p.m., Newark Museum.

Dvorak's American Concerto: Thursday, January 8 at 8 p.m., State Theatre, New Brunswick; Friday, January 9 at 8 p.m., Prudential Hall/NJPAC; Saturday, January 10 at 8 p.m., Patriots Theater at the War Memorial, Trenton; and Sunday, January 11 at 3 p.m., Prudential Hall/NJPAC.

The Bohemian Dvorak: Thursday, January 15 at 8 p.m., Harms Hall at Bergen PAC, Englewood; Friday, January 16 at 8 p.m., Prudential Hall/NJPAC; Saturday, January 17 at 8 p.m., Prudential Hall/NJPAC; and Sunday, January 18 at 3 p.m., State Theatre, New Brunswick.

Eroica Trio: Friday, January 16 at 8 p.m., Richardson Auditorium.

From the New World: Thursday, January 22 at 7:30 p.m., Prudential Hall/NJPAC; Friday, January 23 at 8 p.m., Patriots Theater at the War Memorial, Trenton; Saturday, January 24 at 8 p.m., Prudential Hall/NJPAC; and Sunday, January 25 at 3 p.m., Prudential Hall/NJPAC.

Interplay: The American Dvorak: Saturday, January 24 at 2 p.m., Newark Museum.

There will also be a lecture, *Dvorak and the American Landscape*, by Dr. Timothy Barringer, assistant professor, Department of the History of Art at Yale University, on Friday, January 23 at 6 p.m. at the Newark Museum.

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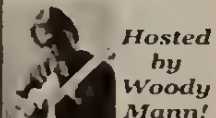
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Princeton University's Program in Theater and Dance will present *Gallathea* at the Matthews Acting Studio at 185 Nassau Street from January 8 through January 11 at 8 p.m.

Written during the English Renaissance, the play by John Lyly has been transformed by director Lee Conderacci, Class

of '04, into a spectacle of 1970s glam rock à la David Bowie. *Gallathea* relates the story of two young women who must disguise themselves as men to avoid being sacrificed to a lustful god, who soon discover their own desire for each other when they meet in the woods. Meanwhile, Cupid runs amok with Diana's nymphs, and wayward sailors seek their fortunes, finding

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Final McCarter Show For The Flaming Idiots

They juggle swords, fire, even themselves. The Flaming Idiots variety troupe will appear at McCarter Theatre on Saturday, January 10 at 7 p.m. for a show *The New York Times* calls "good natured, high-spirited, and silly, a theatrical experience bubbling with footloose fun."

The show will be The Flaming Idiots' last at McCarter. After nearly 20 years of juggling, joking, throwing, catching, leaping, and conquering Broadway, the troupe has decided to retire.

The show is filled with contortions, comedy, juggling, and, of course, things only idiots would do. It adds up to a unique theatrical experience.

Tickets \$15. To charge by phone, call (609) 258-2787.

Black Film Festival Now Accepting Entries

The Newark Black Film Festival has announced that it is now accepting entry applications for the 2004 Paul Robeson Awards. The deadline for entries is Friday, February 20, 2004.

Organized by The Newark Museum Association, the Newark Black Film Festival is the longest running black film festival in the United States, and is devoted exclusively to African and African American cinema, history, presentation and progress.

Established as a biennial competition in 1985, the Robeson Awards honor the spirit of Paul Robeson—activist, scholar, performer and athlete. Long and short narratives, documentaries,

experimental and animation films that have been released since January of 2000 will be accepted. Only original 16mm optical track prints, DVDs and videotapes, accompanied by a \$35 entry fee, will be considered.

The winners of the 2004 Paul Robeson Awards will be screened at the 2004 Newark Black Film Festival, at which time cash awards will also be presented to the winners in each category.

During the summer of 2004 the Newark Black Film Festival will mark its 30th anniversary with a six-week festival of films on the history and culture of the black experience in America. For more information about the Newark Black Film Festival, call (973) 596-6493 or visit www.newarkmuseum.org.



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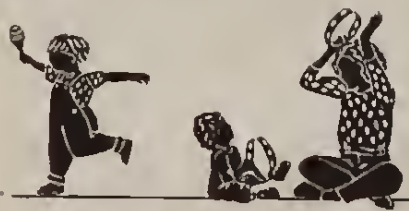
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CINEMA REVIEW "The Lord of the Rings 3: The Return of the King"

Tolkien Trilogy Concludes with Fitting Finale to an Epic Fable

At a total of 3 hours and 20 minutes (not counting the 15 minutes or so of trailers immediately preceding the "feature presentation"), *The Lord of the Rings 3: The Return of the King* is a full-length picture in the truest sense of the term. Any review of this protracted conclusion of the Tolkien trilogy really ought to start with the movie's rather high squirm index. An unfortunate by-product of the protracted time commitment, is an unusually resileless audience as evidenced by the distracting traffic to the concession counter and restrooms during the movie.

Nonetheless, *The Lord of the Rings 3*, is still highly recommended as a wondrous, worthwhile spectacle, a fitting finale to the J.R.R. Tolkien epic. Thus, another round of Oscar accolades are in order for the final installment, this after the first garnered 13 Academy Award nominations (winning 4), while the second landed a half-dozen (winning twice). Director Peter Jackson deserves some special sort of acknowledgment for having had the foresight to film all three episodes simultaneously. This enabled him to sew 9+ hours of celluloid seamlessly into a magnificent fantasy faithful to the vision of Tolkien's source material.

The *Return of the King*'s stellar cast includes Elijah Wood as Frodo the Hobbit, Sean Astin as his best friend Sam, Ian McKellen as Gandalf the Wizard, Viggo

Mortensen as heir-apparent Aragorn, Liv Tyler as Arwen, his love interest, Cate Blanchett as Galadriel, Hugo Weaving as Elrond, Orlando Bloom as Legolas the Elf, John Rhys-Davies as Gimli the Dwarf, and Andy Serkis as the mercurial Gollum. Of equal importance is the cutting-edge technology employed

to breathe life into the computer-generated characters and other images also sharing the screen.

Taking up where *The Two Towers* left off, the finale unfolds as a pair of parallel dramas which imperceptibly coalesce. One branch follows Gandalf's attempt to rally Gondor's dispirited, rag-tag army and other brave forces for a final showdown with the legions of darkness. The other, traces fearless Frodo's perilous trek with loyal Sam and the mysterious Gollum across treacherous enemy environs in order to



SEARCHING FOR THE CRACKS OF DOOM: The pair of brave and gallant hobbits, Sam (Sean Astin, right) and the ring-bearer Frodo (Elijah Wood), forge onward in their search for the Cracks of Doom hidden in Mordor's mountains which, when reached, will bring them to the end of their epic quest.

toss the ring into the fires of Mount Doom.

The elaborate battle scenes, replete with sweeping vistas of castles, moats, and endless legions of foot soldiers being dispatched in hand-to-hand combat, stand in sharp contrast with Frodo's terrible quest. Somehow the constant shifting between wholesale bloodletting and Frodo's intimate terror makes for an absolutely absorbing adventure which establishes the *Lord of the Rings* saga as perhaps the best mythic fable ever brought to the big screen.

Excellent (★★★★). Rated PG-13 for epic battle sequences and frightening images.

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Cheaper by the Dozen (PG for mild epithets and mature themes). Remake of the 1950 classic about the trials and tribulations of a football coach (Steve Martin) and a writer (Bonnie Hunt) raising 12 kids in Chicago after relocating from the country.

Cold Mountain (R for violence and sexuality). Nicole Kidman stars opposite Jude Law in this Civil War saga set in the waning days of the Confederacy. Anthony Minghella directs this costume drama depicting the ordeals encountered by a wounded Confederate soldier while returning home to North Carolina to his pining sweetheart.

Elf (PG for crude humor and mild epithets). Roots comedy about the search for his biological father by a man (Will Ferrell) raised as an Elf by Santa Claus (Ed Asner) at the North Pole.

The Haunted Mansion (PG for frightening images, mild epithets, and adult themes). Fresh on the heels of the phenomenal success of *Pirates of the Caribbean*, Disney adapts another amusement park ride into a feature film. Eddie Murphy stars in this horror comedy as a workaholic who learns a valuable lesson about life from a ghost that appears during a job interview at a haunted house.

Honey (PG-13 for sexual references and drug content). Jessica Alba stars in this inner-city saga about an aspiring dancer who has to choose between being blacklisted and the casting couch. Street credibility comes courtesy of earthy Mekhi Phifer and rappers Jay-Z, Missy 'Misdemeanor' Elliott, Lil' Romeo and Tweet.

The Human Stain (R for nudity, sex, and expletives). Anthony Hopkins is a distinguished professor posing as a Jew who has hidden his African-American roots for years. Disgraced for making a racial slur, the Viagra-popping poser takes refuge in a steamy affair with a janitor (Nicole Kidman) with a very jealous husband.

In America (PG-13 for sex, expletives, drug use, and violence). Five-time Academy Award-nominee Jim Sheridan (*My Left Foot*, *In the Name of the Father*) serves up more Oscar bait with this drama about an impoverished Irish family which moves to New York to pursue the American Dream.

The Last Samurai (R for graphic violence). Tom Cruise stars as a grizzled gun-slugging Civil War vet, who develops second thoughts about wiping out Japan's remaining samurai warriors. In Japanese and English with subtitles.

The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King (PG-13 for battle scenes and scary images). The J.R.R. Tolkien trilogy is completed with Frodo and friends returning for a final showdown for control of Middle Earth.

Lost in Translation (R for sex content). Drama about an over-the-hill movie star (Bill Murray), in Tokyo to tape a TV commercial, who befriends a bored housewife (Scarlett Johansson) neglected by her workaholic husband.

Love Actually (R for sex, nudity and profanity). Irreverent British holiday comedy about 8 London couples in crisis whose lives become hopelessly intertwined by Christmas Eve.

Love Don't Cast a Thing (PG-13 for off-color humor). This blackface remake of *Can't Buy Me Love* (1987) has Nick Cannon as the high school nerd who pays a cute cheerleader (Christina Milian) to pose as his girlfriend to improve his social status. Cast includes comedian Steve Harvey and rapper Fabolous.

Master and Commander: The Far Side of the World (PG-13 for battle scenes and intermittent expletives). Peter Weir's adaptation of the Patrick O'Brian seafaring adventure, set during the Napoleonic Wars, stars Russell Crowe as the Captain of a British man-of-war chasing a French frigate around Cape Horn.

Mana Lisa Smile (PG-13 for sex content and mature themes). Julia Roberts stars as a pre-feminist era Wellesley professor who inspires students played by Kirsten Dunst, Julia Stiles, Tori Amos and Maggie Gyllenhaal to aspire to more than marrying well.

Mystic River (R for profanity and violence). Clint Eastwood directed this labyrinthine whodunit starring Sean Penn as a man whose daughter has been murdered. Kevin Bacon and Laurence Fishburne co-star as the detectives handling the investigation, and Tim Robbins surfaces as the prime suspect.

Peter Pan (PG for perilous action sequences). Full-length version of the James M. Barrie book first brought to the big screen in 1924. Jeremy Sumpter stars in the title role as the ageless lad from Never Never Land who won't grow up. With Lynn Redgrave and Olivia Williams among back cast in this Australian version of the children's classic.

Pieces of April (PG-13 for sensuality, expletives, drug content, and nudity). Katie Holmes stars in the title role of this comedy of errors as a Greenwich Village bohemian from a staid, suburban family who invites her folks to her tiny, dilapidated apartment for a holiday feast with her black boyfriend (Derek Luke).

Shattered Glass (PG-13 for epithets, sexual references, and brief drug use). Illuminating biopic recounts the rise and fall of Stephen Glass, the Washington, D.C. journalist who was later exposed as a fraud.

Something's Gotta Give (PG-13 for profane language and sexual content including brief nudity). Complicated comedy involving a love quadrangle with a young doctor (Keanu Reeves) who falls for the mother (Diane Keaton) of his heart patient's (Jack Nicholson) girlfriend (Amanda Peet).

The Station Agent (R for profanity and drug use). Drama about a reclusive dwarf living in an abandoned train depot whose oasis is invaded by an artist mourning the loss of her son and a hot dog vendor.

Stuck on You (PG-13 for profanity and crude off-color humor). Latest Farrelly Brothers comedy pairs Matt Damon with Greg Kinnear as Siamese twins who find fame in Hollywood but at the cost of their compatibility. Supporting cast includes Meryl Streep, Jack Nicholson, Al Pacino, Jessie Ventura, Eva Mendes, and Luke Wilson.

Under the Tuscan Sun (PG-13 for sex and expletives). Romantic comedy, loosely based on Frances Mayes' 1966 memoir, stars Diane Lane as a 35-year-old American lawyer who escapes her cheating husband by vacationing in Italy where she impulsively buys a fixer-upper and gets involved with a tall, dark, and handsome stranger.

—Kam Williams

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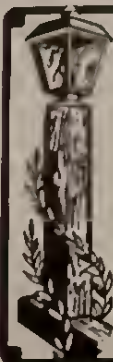
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Library Dedicates Artist's Weaving To Retiring Mayor Marvin Reed

Almost 300 residents and area officials gathered at Princeton University's Rockefeller College on Tuesday, December 16 to say farewell and thanks to Borough Mayor Marvin Reed in a ceremony sponsored by the Borough, the Princeton Regional Chamber of Commerce, and Princeton University.

Those who attended laughed and reminisced about the mayor's 13 years working with the community. Others, including the Princeton Public Library's Board of Trustees, showed their appreciation through gifts.

In honor of the mayor's

years of service to the Board, the library has dedicated a weaving by Princeton artist Armando Sosa to the mayor. The work will be displayed at the new renovated library, with a plaque dedicated to the mayor.

The weaving will feature scenes from Mr. Sosa's hometown village in Salcaja, Guatemala. It will incorporate some of the artist's childhood memories, such as flying a kite with his father, as well as reflect his culture, with a scene of women dancing in colorful costumes in the central plaza.

Mr. Sosa, a former Prince-

ton resident, is one of seven artists that have been commissioned by the library's art council to create works of art to "beautify" the library, said Nancy Russell, who heads the library's art committee.

"We came up with what we feel is a really great group of artists," said Ms. Russell. "We have a nice diversity of art that will make the library a beautiful place."

Along with Mr. Sosa, a current Hopewell resident, other artists include Ik Joong Kang of New York City, Faith Ringgold of Englewood, Tom Nussbaum of Montclair, Katherine Kackl of Lambertville, Buzz Spector of Ithaca, NY, and Margaret K. Johnson of Princeton.

Culturally Diverse Artist

Mr. Sosa's work of art, measuring 36" wide and 6' long, sponsorship of Assistance, was chosen to be dedicated to Inc. Soon after he became the mayor because, "members involved in various other of the Board noticed the may-handwork, including textiles, or's face light up when he saw wood, and furniture. He studied," said Ms. Russell. She said he had admired Mr. Sosa's then spent a month in San work from the first time he saw examples of it.

Mr. Sosa's weaving is a family trade and characteristic of his culture and village. He grew up learning weaving from his father. Weaving was done together as a family, said Mr. Sosa, with each person contributing to the process in one way or another. The artist began spinning and dyeing when he was eight years old, then later moved on to learn the actual process of weaving with cotton and wool when he was 15, apprenticing with his uncle.

Most weaving looms had

four harnesses, and were used to make clothing for women, or blankets for infants. However, when Mr. Sosa was 16 years old, he went to live with another uncle in Guatemala City, where he learned to weave with 33 harnesses. That same year, Mr. Sosa's talent began taking him on new experiences around the world.

In October 1970, Mr. Sosa gave a weaving exhibition at the Texas State Fair. Three years later, he was invited to San Diego under the sponsorship of Assistance, Inc. There he exhibited his work and gave demonstrations in various locations in the city. He was offered a job teaching weaving at the University of California, but had to decline due to family obligations at home.

In 1994, Mr. Sosa went to state fairs in Oregon and Washington to give weaving exhibits, once again under the sponsorship of Assistance, Inc. Soon after he became the mayor because, "members involved in various other of the Board noticed the may-handwork, including textiles, or's face light up when he saw wood, and furniture. He studied," said Ms. Russell. She said he had admired Mr. Sosa's then spent a month in San work from the first time he saw examples of it.

Later trips took him to Panama, the Trade Fair of the Americas in Miami, Fl., Hong Kong, Costa Rica, Colombia, and Mexico.

Mr. Sosa did not return to weaving or to the United States for almost 20 years. However in 1993 he moved to Princeton, where he was encouraged to begin his craftsmanship again. Relying only on memory, in three months he built a loom by hand, which is 38 inches wide, and creates 38 threads per inch. His work is known



LOVING THE LOOM: Princeton weaver Armando Sosa is creating a weaving in honor of retiring Borough Mayor Marvin Reed, to be displayed at the newly renovated Princeton Public Library. Mr. Sosa is a native of Salcaja, Guatemala, where weaving has been passed down through several generations.

for combining traditional Central American motifs with contemporary colors and designs.

Today, Mr. Sosa teaches weaving at the YMCA Princeton, where he has been exhibiting his work since 1997. He will also teach a weaving class at the Hunterdon Museum of Art in April, as well as exhibit his work there from March through June. In addition, he will be displaying his work at Rutgers University in Newark next year.

Mr. Sosa said he is very grateful for the opportunity to create a weaving for the new library in town.

"I want to thank everyone for giving me this opportunity to show my work," he said.

The artist said that through this experience he will be recognized by the government as an artist of extraordinary ability, which will enable him to receive a green card to live in the United States.

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GUEST OF HONOR: Mayor Marvin Reed, 72, smiles widely at a recent reception recognizing his long-time service to the Borough. He is retiring after serving 13 years as mayor and, before that, five years as a council member. His post will be taken up by Mayor-elect Joseph O'Neill. *(Photo by George Vogel)*

A Party In Honor Of Mayor Reed



SWEET SORROW: Borough Council President Mildred Trotman looks on as Mayor Marvin Reed clears away some items at the end of a dinner reception to honor his 18 years of work on behalf of the Borough. *(Photo by George Vogel)*



CHEVRON KING: Borough Council members Wendy Benchley and David Goldfarb present a "speed hump" bedspread to Mayor Marvin Reed at a reception in his honor ahead of retirement. *(Photo by George Vogel)*



VOCAL PRAISE: Borough Mayor Marvin Reed assists Township Mayor Phyllis Marchand as she offers a proclamation and song in tribute to his work on behalf of Princeton. The accolades came at a recent reception on Princeton University campus. The event was sponsored by the Borough, the University, and Princeton Regional Chamber of Commerce. *(Photo by George Vogel)*



PROUD PARTNER: Mayor Marvin Reed's wife, Ingrid, thoroughly enjoys the event. The reception and dinner honoring her husband took place at Princeton University's Rockefeller College, and was sponsored by the Borough of Princeton, the University, and Princeton Regional Chamber of Commerce. *(Photo by George Vogel)*



PARKING? NO PROBLEM: Borough Mayor Marvin Reed holds up a foy parking garage, which he received as a gag gift at a reception in his honor last week. The gift was from Princeton Public Library committee members Leslie Berger and Harry Levine. *(Photo by George Vogel)*



THE CAT'S MEOW: Princeton High School a cappella group, The Cat's Meow, performs at a gala reception to honor Princeton Borough Mayor Marvin Reed. Mr. Reed will leave office January 1 after 13 years as the Borough's chief executive. *(Photo by George Vogel)*

Sports

Tiger Women's Hoops Just Misses Upset, Shows Potential in Loss to Georgia Tech

Facing Atlantic Coast Conference shooting of Katy O'Brien and Ali Smith to power Georgia Tech last Sunday, the go on a 35-19 run and take a S9-S3 lead Princeton University women's basket- with 7:19 remaining. ball team figured to be in for a long afternoon.

The Yellow Jackets, a participant in last year's NCAA tourney, came into the game at Jadwin Gym boasting a 6-2 record and a potential All-American in Fallon Stokes.

By contrast, the Tigers entered the afternoon with a 2-6 mark and a lineup featuring three sophomores and two freshmen.

But giving a glimpse of their potential, the Tigers made it a harrowing afternoon for Georgia Tech as they came within seconds of pulling off a stunning upset.

Fighting back from a 34-24 halftime deficit, Princeton utilized the three-point

Realizing they were on the ropes, the Yellow Jackets fought back and narrowed the margin to 66-65 with 7.4 seconds remaining. Getting the last possession, Georgia Tech appeared to be stymied as an Alex Stewart shot glanced off the rim at the buzzer. Stewart, however, drew a foul and calmly sank her two free throws to allow Tech to escape with a 67-66 win.

Afterward, O'Brien, who together with Smith led the Tigers with 17 points, saw the effort as a major step forward for the young Tigers.

"That's the best we've played all season," said the S'7 Ventura, Calif., native who fired in five three-pointers on the afternoon. "A lot of things came together, we were really playing as a team. Going into the game we were focusing on not turning the ball over, boxing out, and setting good screens. We're going to build on this."

O'Brien is also looking to build on her hot play recently, which has seen her find the range from long distance as she is averaging 15 points a game in Princeton's last three contests.

"I'm really glad that my shooting is coming along," said O'Brien, who has canned 13 3-pointers in the last three games. "We've been working more on shooting 3's in practice. I spent a lot of time this summer getting into the gym and putting up shots."

The fiery O'Brien enjoys the challenge of taking on such powerful foes as Georgia Tech. "I'm glad that we have a tough schedule going into the league," said O'Brien, who struggled with two broken feet as a freshman and is now 100 percent physically.

"A lot of the Ivy League

teams schedule games that they know they're going to win. Our coach doesn't put any guaranteed wins on the schedule. By the time we get to the league, we'll be a lot more prepared. If we go against Harvard, Dartmouth, or Cornell in a game like this, we're going to win it."

Princeton head coach Richard Barron believes that the Tigers' trial by fire will yield dividends in the long run. "We talked about competing in a game before we could win a game," said Barron. "We competed today so the improvement I saw today as a coach is encouraging."

Barron was understandably encouraged by the Tigers' performance in the second half, which saw them outscore the Yellow Jackets 42-33 and shoot 52 percent from the field while committing only five turnovers.

"I think we responded well after halftime," said Barron, whose club had fallen 58-51 last Friday to Wake Forest, another ACC school. "The second half was a pretty well executed and well-played game. We seemed to be patient in our offense."

One of the key factors in the smooth running of the offense was the night. "There was clearly a message sent by play of point guard O'Brien. "Katy has a great our kids today that they have to be taken eye for the game," said Barron, who also cited seriously."

Barron will need his young players to show "We were picked to finish last in the some collective leadership if the Tigers are league," said O'Brien with a frown. "Every going to start prevailing in the tight games. time we end a game, we go in there and say "We're learning how important discipline is we're going to surprise the league. We can't in the game, particularly against bigger, wait to show the league something, we're quicker teams" added Barron, whose team excited for that."



SOMETHING'S GOTTA GIVE: Princeton sophomore Lauren Nestor, right, powers forward to the basket in the Tigers' 65-44 win over visiting Wagner last Wednesday. The Tigers, who narrowly missed an upset over ACC power Georgia Tech last Sunday as they fell 67-66, bring a 2-7 record into their appearance this weekend at the Montana Tournament.

(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)



FINDING THE RANGE: Princeton guard Ali Smith looks for an opening in the Tigers' 65-44 triumph over Wagner last Wednesday at Jadwin Gym. Smith canned three-pointers last Sunday against Georgia Tech but it wasn't enough as the Yellow Jackets pulled out a 67-66 win.

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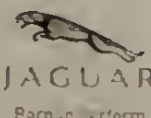
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DEPTH CHARGE: Princeton reserve center Mike Stephens lofts a hook shot in the Tigers' recent 51-49 loss to Rutgers. Stephens, who scored a career-high 10 points in Princeton's 69-51 loss last Wednesday to Duke, has emerged as a key force off the bench for the 4-3 Tigers.

(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)

Tiger Men's Hoops Falls to Duke But Shows Depth, Defensive Zeal

The prospect of facing the Duke men's basketball team at raucous Cameron Indoor Stadium is enough to strike fear into most visiting clubs.

But the Princeton men's basketball team came into its clash last Wednesday at Duke relishing its opportunity to duel the third-ranked Blue Devils.

"We want to push ourselves and that's what these non-conference games are about," said Tiger forward Andre Logan as he looked ahead to Princeton's venture down Tobacco Road to Durham where Duke had won its last 31 games.

"Everyone thinks we're soft but we're not. We'll go out and play physical if you want to play physical. This is a challenge. If we execute our stuff, we're always going to be in the game."

Princeton was certainly up to the challenge in the early going as the combination of its deliberate offense and ball-hawking defense put Duke on the back foot and quieted the "Cameron crazies." Princeton rallied from a 21-11 deficit to tie the game at 25-25 with 2:42 remaining in the first half and went into the break trailing by 31-27.

The Tigers narrowed the margin to 34-33 with 17:53

remaining in the contest but committing nine turnovers in the next 10 minutes and going ice-cold from the three-point range (0-12 in the half) opened the door for Duke to pull away to a 69-51 win.

Afterward, it was clear that Princeton had made an impression on the 7-1 Blue Devils. "I think we were forcing a lot of things on offense [in the first half], said Duke shooting guard J.J. Redick.

"We were driving and getting the ball stripped. This was a tough game to play. Princeton is a very tough team to play against because of the way they play offense. It's so deliberate, you have to plan defense for 30 seconds at a time."

Duke's Hall of Fame coach Mike Krzyzewski, for his part, was able to appreciate the Tigers' unique brand of basketball. "I really enjoy watching them play," said the venerable Coach K. "It's five guys out there but they play as one. John [Thompson III] has done a terrific job with that team."

Coach Thompson was most heartened by the play of his supporting cast which saw Logan come off the bench to score a team-high 16 points in 32 minutes and center Mike Stephens chip in a career-high 10 points.

"I've said from the beginning of this year that with our team it's not going to be about who's starting and who isn't," said Thompson in his post-game media conference. "Every guy we put out there is capable of doing what Andre and Mike did tonight. It's not

a surprise to me or to our players."

The Tigers continue their pre-league segment of the schedule by hosting Lafayette on December 22 and then playing at Loyola on Decem-

ber 29 and against national power Oklahoma on January 3 in Oklahoma City, Okla.

If Princeton can build on the performance it put on last Wednesday on Tobacco Road, it will certainly be striking some fear into its league foes as the season unfolds.

—Bill Alden



WILLING PARTICIPANT: Princeton junior Will Venable flies to the hoop in the Tigers' 51-49 defeat to Rutgers on December 13. Venable is averaging 7.4 points a game for Princeton, which had a game on December 22 against Lafayette before playing at Loyola on December 29.

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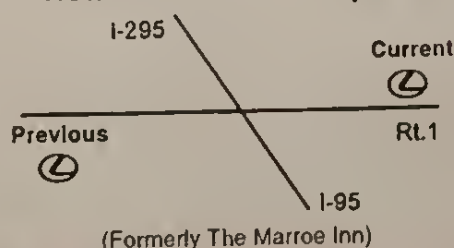
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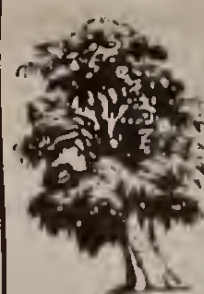
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SQUEEZE PLAY: Princeton forward Patrick Neundorfer squeezes between two Cornell defenders in the Tigers' early season loss to the Big Red. Neundorfer and his teammates had a tough time last weekend at the Dodge Holiday Classic in Minneapolis, Minn., as the Tigers fell 9-0 to two-time defending national champion Minnesota on Saturday and then dropped a 5-3 decision to Miami a day later. Princeton, now 5-11 on the season, will next be in action when they host Merrimack for games on January 2 and 3.

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Princeton Wrestlers 17th in Beast of East

The Princeton University wrestling team placed 17th of 20 teams in last weekend's Beast of the East tournament in Newark, Del.

The Tigers are next in action on January 3 when they face Northern Illinois, Purdue, and Bacone College in the Lone Star Duals in Grand Prairie, Texas.

Kroshus Among 10 Named as Academic All-Ivy

Emily Kroshus, the All-American women's cross country runner and economics major who led Princeton into the Top 10 nationally, and first-team All-Ivy League defensive ends and economics majors Joe Weiss and Tim Kirby head the list of 10 Princeton athletes honored as Academic All-Ivy League selections for the fall of 2003.

In addition to Weiss and Kirby, Princeton men's athletes who made the list include the following: Ned Bartlett of the sprint football, a senior molecular biology major and the team's leading receiver; D.J. Halliday, a water polo player and molecular biology major who had 10 goals, eight assists and 18 steals; and Gianfranco Trippichio, a soccer co-captain and economics major.

On the women's side, Tiger honorees besides Kroshus included the following: Jen Elliott, an art major and a starter on the Ivy League champion field hockey team; Claire Miller, an English major and the 2003 Ivy League Player of the Year in field hockey; Laura Petrillo, a molecular biology major who placed 13th at Heptagonals for the cross country team; and Romy Trigg-Smith, an architecture major who started every game for the women's soccer team.

Hun's Savage Makes Tigers' Lair, Sets Sights on Memorable Finale

Over the last few years, if you were looking for Noah Savage after school, it was a pretty safe bet that you'd find him in the Hun School gym.

The 6'6 Savage, who transferred to Hun from Princeton High three years ago, has spent countless hours in the Hun gym honing his basketball skills.

For Savage, the short-term goal of his diligence was to make himself a force for the Raiders' basketball squad while his long-range aim was to someday play for the storied Princeton University basketball program.

While Savage long ago achieved his short-range objective, having come into this season with 793 career points for the Raiders, he learned this week, that his dream of being a Tiger will become a reality as he was accepted by Princeton.

Savage celebrated the news by scoring a total of 47 points in three games this week as Hun went 2-1 in those contests, losing to powerful St. Benedict's 66-53 before beating Pennington 60-33 and Tabor Academy 58-54.

After the come-from-behind win over Tabor last Friday, Savage smiled as he reflected on getting the good news from Princeton.

"It's a real good feeling, I'm real excited about going there," said a smiling Savage, who is one of the top recruits for the basketball team's Class of 2008. "It's been a goal of mine for a while. It's a load off as far as not having to worry about other applications."

Savage made it clear, however, that knowing where he's headed for college won't diminish his focus on helping the Raiders have a big winter. "It doesn't affect anything about how I'm playing," explained the affable but driven Savage. "I wasn't playing well just to get into Princeton."

Indeed, it's Savage's

approach to the game as a craft that has landed him at Old Nassau. "I'm a gym rat, I love being in the gym," said Savage. "I love working on my game, it's just something I love to do. I do that simply because I want to be a great player."

Hun head coach Jon Stone isn't surprised that Savage will be playing his college hoops across town for the Tigers.

"Noah wants to improve everyday," said Stone, a star during his college days at Colgate who is still in the school's top five in career scoring.

"I think it's great for him to be going to Princeton. He's wanted to go there for a while and the record of the program

speaks for itself. We're proud of having Noah and proud that he's going there."

In Stone's view, Savage will make a solid impact for the Tigers. "It's going to be fun to watch him there," said Stone. "If you ask me how he's going to do there, I think he's going to do great because he has that desire to get better everyday."

Reflecting on his team's win over Tabor which saw the Raiders go on a 13-2 run in the last five minutes, Stone cited the savvy of Savage and senior point guard Mingsu Murray.

"I thought Noah showed a lot of leadership," said Stone.



BLEACHER BUMS: The students in Hun School's "Stone Section" stand behind Conor Godfrey in Hun's recent win over Blair. The Raiders ride a two-game winning streak as they head into Trenton High School Holiday Tournament on December 27 and 29.

(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)

whose club improved to 4-2 with the win.

"Those are the two guys who should show leadership. They know our system. They've been in a lot of big games and they know what to do."

If the Raiders play with the same precision and character they showed against Tabor, they should fare well in the big games ahead. "We had chances to pack it in today and just give up and we didn't do that," said Stone who got 17 points from Leo Nolan while Savage added 11 and Murray chipped in 16.

"It's a testament to these kids. This win today was a good one for us. That was a good team we played with some good players."

As Savage looks ahead to leading his mates in the Trenton High School Holiday Tournament on December 27 and 29, he thinks the team can build on the win over Tabor.

"We executed really well in the last three minutes today," said Savage. "I see progress but I really feel like our whole team isn't there yet. The team is a little banged up, a little sick, and I think we need to get back together. I think we can be a really, really good team. We're going to go and try to win that Trenton tournament."

Look for the Raiders to do well this weekend since it's not safe to bet against Savage when it comes to achieving his goals.

—Bill Alden

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LOCAL HERO: Hun School forward and Princeton native Noah Savage puts up a shot in Hun's opening night win over Blair Academy on December 10. Savage, who found out last week that he will be playing college basketball next year for Princeton University, will lead the 4-2 Raiders into the Trenton High School Holiday Tournament this weekend.

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Hun Girls' Hoops Off to 5-3 Start, But Still Hasn't Found its Rhythm

The Hun School girls' basketball team enters the holidays looking to establish a rhythm.

Last weekend, the Raiders fell 58-45 to Blair on Friday in the Rutgers Prep Tournament but rebounded with a 50-28 rout of Saddle River in the consolation game the next day.

In the view of Hun head coach Bill Holup, the team's performance at the tournament was an accurate reflection of its uneven play so far this season.

"I don't think we played up to our capabilities this weekend," said Holup, whose team had entered the weekend coming off a tough 40-38 defeat to Pennington School on Wednesday.

"After the loss to Pennington, we had Blair and I think we came into that game lacking some confidence. They went to a zone and we haven't reacted well to the zone all year. The win over Saddle River did give us something positive going into the break."

Holup, whose roster only includes one senior (Sarah Haque), acknowledges that his team is going through some growing pains. "We're a work in progress," said Holup, whose leading scorer most games so far has been junior transfer Shantee Darrian. "We're 5-3 but it's important for us to start beating some of the stronger teams."

The Raiders will get that chance as they compete this weekend in the McCorristin

Tournament on December 27-28. "The McCorristin tournament will be a good opportunity for us," said Holup, whose team faces Northern Burlington in the opening round. "They always bring in a good field. We'll face some strong teams and we're looking to win at least one of those games."

The upbeat Holup, who guided the Raiders to the Prep A semifinals last season, is confident things will come together for his squad.

"We just need to get into a rhythm, once we do that we'll be fine," asserted the fifth-year head coach. "We're a young team. By the time January and February rolls around we should be fine."

—Bill Alden



LEARNING CURVE: Hun School girls' basketball head coach Bill Holup imparts some wisdom to his charges during the Raiders' 40-38 loss to Pennington last Wednesday. Holup's young team, which has only one senior, is off to a 5-3 start and plays in the McCorristin Tournament on December 27-28.

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STINGING SENSATION: Hun School sophomore Mary Stinson winces as she gathers in a rebound last Wednesday in Hun's 40-38 loss to Pennington. The Raiders, who have lost two of their last three games, look to get back on the winning track when they compete in the McCorristin Tournament this weekend.

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COOL CUSTOMER: Princeton High senior captain Matt Leuck, right, fights for the puck in the Little Tigers' 12-2 defeat to powerful Morris Knolls last Saturday. Leuck's quiet leadership has been a steadying force as PHS has gotten off to a 4-2-1 start.

(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)

Leuck's Quiet Leadership Style Steadying PHS Boys' Hockey

Matt Leuck is not one to attract attention but he hasn't shied away from taking a leading role this season with the Princeton High boys' ice hockey team.

As a senior captain and the team's leading returning scorer, the quiet Leuck knew that he would carry a major part of the team's offensive load.

Adding to his responsibility, he was moved to center from wing on the team's top line and joined by freshman wingers Peter Teifer and John Ryan.

With PHS off to a strong 4-2-1 start, Leuck has enjoyed being the squad's go-to guy and wise old head. "I like showing John and Peter the ropes, they've done a really great job," said Leuck after scoring two goals in the Little Tigers' 9-1 romp over Lawrence last Wednesday at Mercer County Park.

"They've done a great job. It's been a lot of fun with the younger guys. We work really well together, the three of us. I played wing last year with Jason Diamond and I'm centering this year. I'm still getting used to it."

Leuck has utilized a strong work ethic to help smooth his transition to the new position. "I'm not a big guy but I go out on every shift and take the body," said Leuck, whose younger brother, Shane, has starred at goalie for PHS in his freshman campaign. "I try to move the puck well and back check. It's gone pretty well."

PHS head coach Paul Merrow is happy with Leuck's productivity in his new spot. "Matt has been making a huge contribution for us," said Merrow.

"He's our captain but he's a silent leader. He's not vocal, he does it on the ice. He works hard every practice, and he leads by example. We have other people in the room who are more vocal."

The Little Tigers got particularly vocal in the Lawrence game after PHS defender Brad Carduner suffered a broken arm on a questionable check.

"I think they came out pumped up after that," said Merrow, whose club was leading just 3-1 at the time Carduner was injured late in the second period.

"During that long break, I told them Lawrence was bunching in front of the net so that we needed to get the puck out to the point to draw

them out and then throw it back into the corner. We got control of the game."

In addition to Leuck's two goals, Merrow got two goals each from Peter Teifer, and John Ryan and Sam Finnell, and one from Brian Fischer.

For Leuck, the win over Lawrence was just another example of the strides they have made early this season. "We knew we had the talent coming into the season," explained Leuck, who will look to keep up his hot play when PHS plays Hamilton on January 5 at Mercer County Park. "We just didn't know how long it would take to jell. We're doing a good job so far."

With a quiet but effective leader like Leuck, it's not hard to understand why the team has meshed together so quickly.

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JUSTIN TIME: Princeton High defender Justin Faulkner, center, clears the puck out of the way for goalie Shane Leuck in the Little Tigers' 12-2 loss to Morris Knolls last Saturday. PHS, now 4-2-1, is next in action when it faces Hamilton on January 5 at Mercer County Park.

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PDS Girls' Hoops Catches Fire Sparked by Cheshier's Scoring

The Princeton Day School girls' basketball team started the season with three straight losses but it wasn't about to get discouraged.

The veteran-laden team had confidence that it would get on the right track. Sure enough, in the last week, the Panthers have reeled off wins over Purnell, George School, and Gill St. Bernard's to even their record at 3-3.

After Friday's 44-34 win over Gill, sophomore guard Lexi Cheshier attributed the team's surge to the togetherness among the club's core of returning players.

"We're returning so many players," said Cheshier, who is joined in the starting line-up by a trio of seniors — Kathryn Batchelor, Marla Pfenninger, and Katie Levine — together with sophomore Ellen Cook. "We're getting to know each other much better. As the season progresses, we're playing a lot better together."

Cheshier acknowledged that she is bringing more self-confidence and focus to the equation. "I worked on my game a lot over the summer," added Cheshier, who scored a team-high 16 points in the win over Gill, giving her a total of 48 points in the team's three wins last week. "I concentrated on my shot. I have more confidence in my shot than last year. I'm also more mentally ready for the game."

PDS head coach Sue Repko cited Cheshier's play as a major factor in the team's recent surge. "Lexi has come alive in the past week, 10

days," said Repko. "She's taking charge more when she's in there. She's showing more confidence and we certainly have more confidence in the way she is shooting. That's made a big difference for us."

Repko also sees the team's character as making a big difference. "It was a challenge today but we hung in there," said Repko, who got 10 points from Levine in the win over Gill as well as nine from Pfenninger. "It looked like our lead was slipping a little bit but then we came back so that's a good sign. They were pressing us most of the game but we held together."

As a result, the team is headed into the Point Pleasant Beach Tourney this weekend on a high. "We feel great entering into the break this way," added Repko, whose team is scheduled to play games at the Point Pleasant event on December 26, 27, and 29. "Last year we lost to Moorestown Friends at the buzzer on a three-pointer right before the holidays and that was kind of a downer. This year we're only getting better and that's very encouraging going into the New Year."

Cheshier, for her part, has high hopes going forward. "I think our confidence is a lot higher," asserted Cheshier. "I think now we know we're capable of winning games. Last year, I think that as a team we didn't think we were capable of winning many games. This year, I think we're a lot more confident, that's a real positive."

—Bill Alden



ON THE BALL Princeton Day School sophomore guard Ellen Cook snags the ball in PDS' 36-21 win over George School last Wednesday. PDS, which has won three straight to improve to 3-3, plays in the Point Pleasant Beach Tourney from December 29-29.

(Photo by Bill Alden/NJ SportAction)

PHS Girls' Hoops Drops Opener But Shows Progress, Fortitude

The first few minutes of Nikki Inzano's regular season debut as the head coach of the Princeton High girls basketball team went smoothly.

Hosting Lawrence High last Friday, the Little Tigers used defensive intensity and some good outside shooting to jump out to an 8-6 lead.

But at that point, PHS hit a major rough spot as Lawrence put together a 17-2 run to break the game open. The Little Tigers never recovered as they went on to suffer a 53-29 loss.

As Inzano reflected on the team's opening night, she saw many positives notwithstanding the final result. "They played hard, they never gave up," said Inzano in analyzing her squad's effort. "I think that they're still trying to learn each other and learn what our offense is all about. They have the desire to get there."

Inzano hoped the team learned a lesson from its second quarter meltdown. "When Lawrence went on that run, it was the little things," explained Inzano, who has previously coached college basketball in Indiana. "We didn't box out and they would get the rebound. They would get the foul and then make the three-point play."

The rookie coach thought that several of her players showed potential. "I thought Zoe Samak did a great job,"

said Inzano, who got eight points apiece from Samak and Alexis Dervech together with seven from Kaamilah Parker plus six from Eliza Stasi. "Eliza is really playing hard at the point guard, knowing what we need to do on offense and defense."

After the game, Inzano went out of her way to make sure that the team didn't dwell on the final score.

"I told them that they need to keep their heads up, it doesn't matter what the score is," said Inzano, whose club plays at Monroe on December 22 before taking part in the WW/P-N Tournament from December 27-30.

"I said that from the first day of practice on November 28, I've seen them progressing each day. Today they showed more progress. There was a little lapse. I think things will come together when we start playing more games."

Inzano left the gym with her head held high. "I wasn't nervous tonight," asserted Inzano with a grin. "I love being a coach and going out there and seeing the girls give it their all."

If Inzano's players keep giving their all like they did Friday, the coach will have the added pleasure of seeing some victories.

—Bill Alden

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SURGING FORWARD: PDS guard Lexi Cheshier looks for an opening in the Panthers' 36-21 win over George last Wednesday. Cheshier, a sophomore, scored a total of 48 points in the last three games for PDS as it won them all to even its season mark at 3-3.

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Ice Hockey: Continuing their blazing start, Hun topped Pingry 4-3 last Wednesday. Joe Pietras, Dave Casper, Andrew Starr, and Matt Torstrup each scored goals for the Raiders, who improved to 4-0 with the win. Hun will look to make it five wins in a row when it hosts Hightstown on January 7.

PDS

Boys' Ice Hockey: PDS dropped a 4-0 decision to Winchendon (Mass.) last Sunday to finish second in the William Barber Memorial Tournament in Marlboro, Mass. PDS had topped St. Mark's 3-1 in the second round to advance to the title game. PDS, now 4-2, plays Holy Ghost on January 2 at the Lawrenceville School rink.

PHS

Boys' Basketball: Despite productive outings from Kareem Blue and Chris Newton, PHS fell 68-47 at Lawrence High last Friday in the season opener for both teams. Blue scored 14 points while Newton chipped in 13 but the Little Tigers couldn't hold off Lawrence which outscored them 26-10 in the fourth quarter. PHS will play in the Ridge Tournament from December 27-30.

Wrestling: PHS got its season off to a good start as it outpointed Trenton 45-21 last Friday in its season debut. In topping the Tornadoes, the Little Tigers got pins from Eric Cooper at 125 pounds, Mark Jeeveratnam at 135, Lou Rossi at 140, Tom Frantzen at 160, and Paul LaPlaca at 215. PHS will compete in the Kittatinny Tournament on December 29.

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Princeton's U-12 boys' squad defeated Montgomery, 31-19 in the South Brunswick League. Skeylar Ettin scored 13 points while Jonathan Scott and Tino Kardassis each chipped in six points. In Central Jersey League action, the U-12 boys lost 47-44 to Hopewell.

The Princeton U-12 girls lost two games this weekend. Princeton lost 17-7 to Notre Dame in Trenton. In Central Jersey League, Princeton lost 13-11 to Woodbridge. Meg Reilly scored four points for Princeton and Molly Barber added three points.

Princeton's U-13 girls' team won its season opener as it nipped Lawrence 16-13.

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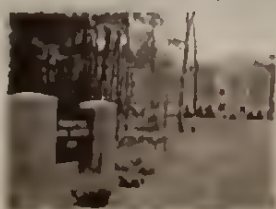
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Wednesday, December 24

5:15 p.m.: Christmas Eve Caroling; Arts Council of Princeton, 102 Witherspoon Street.

Thursday, December 25
Christmas Day

Friday, December 26

8 p.m.: *Caught in the Net*; Off-Broadstreet Theatre, Hopewell. Also Saturday at 8 p.m., Sunday at 2:30 p.m.

Saturday, December 27

1 p.m. and 4:30 p.m.: *The Nulcracker*; Patriots Theatre at the War Memorial, Trenton.

Sunday, December 28

11 a.m.: Talk, "Another Conversation with Margaret Wheatley," with Charles Vall; Stuart Hall, Princeton Theological Seminary.

Monday, December 29
Recycling Pickup

Tuesday, December 30

3 p.m.: *Silent Cinema Holiday*; Arts Council of Princeton.

Wednesday, December 31

8 p.m.: Greater Trenton Symphony Orchestra, New Year's Eve Concert; Patriots Theater at the War Memorial, Trenton.

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Tuesday, December 30:

10:00 a.m. Tai-Chi; SPC

12:30 p.m. Social Bridge; SPC

1:30 p.m. Computer Lab; SPC

Wednesday, December 31:

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10:00 a.m. Studio Time; SPC.

10:30 a.m. Let's Talk; RC.

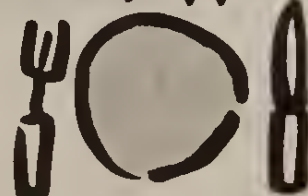
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OBITUARIES



Anne H. P. Root

Anne Hoagland Plumb Root, 43, of Avon, Conn., died December 17 at Hartford Hospital in Hartford, Conn., following a two-and-a-half year battle with cancer.

Born in Bryn Mawr, Pa., she grew up in Princeton, where she was a graduate of Stuart Country Day School of the Sacred Heart.

She was a graduate of Colby College in Waterville, Maine.

She was an investment banker and finance editor in New York City before settling in Avon, where she became a PTO member at the Pine Grove Elementary School and member of Saint James Episcopal Parish in Farmington.

An active sportswoman who loved sailing, horseback riding, and skiing, she spent her summers in East Orleans on Cape Cod, where she was an officer of Namequoit Sailing Association.

Predeceased by her father, Robert J. Plumb Jr., she is survived by her mother, Anne Plumb Kelsey, and step-father, John L. Kelsey; her husband, Todd Root; three children, Hayley, Robert, and Henry; a brother, Robert Plumb of Wellesley, Mass.; a step-sister, Grayson Hardman; and a step-brother, Jonathan Kelsey.

The funeral service was December 23 at Christ Church Cathedral in Hartford. Burial was in Hartford's Cedar Hill Cemetery.

Arrangements were by Ahern Funeral Homes, Inc., Unionville, Conn.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Anne P. Root Trust For Children, c/o Saint James Episcopal Church, Farmington, Conn.

Melania Koziol

Melania Koziol, 91, of Princeton, died December 18 at Princeton Care Center of respiratory complications.

Born in Lysiecz, Poland, she survived three years of forced habitation in Kazakhstan, Siberia, during World War II with her husband, an exiled international lawyer. Her post-war travels took her to Iran, then England, and finally the United States in 1951. She spent most of her adult life in Franklin Park before moving to Princeton five years ago, where she lived with her cousin, Ron Oberleitner, and his family.

Her interests included gardening, reading, cooking, teaching and travel.

Predeceased in 1984 by her

husband, Tadeusz, she is survived by two younger sisters, Sozia of Poland and Mecia of England.

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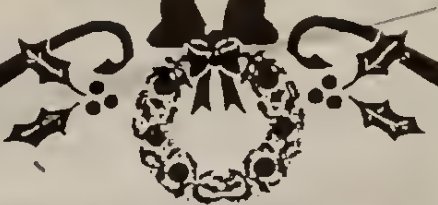
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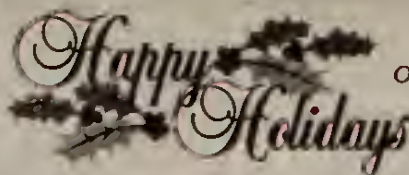
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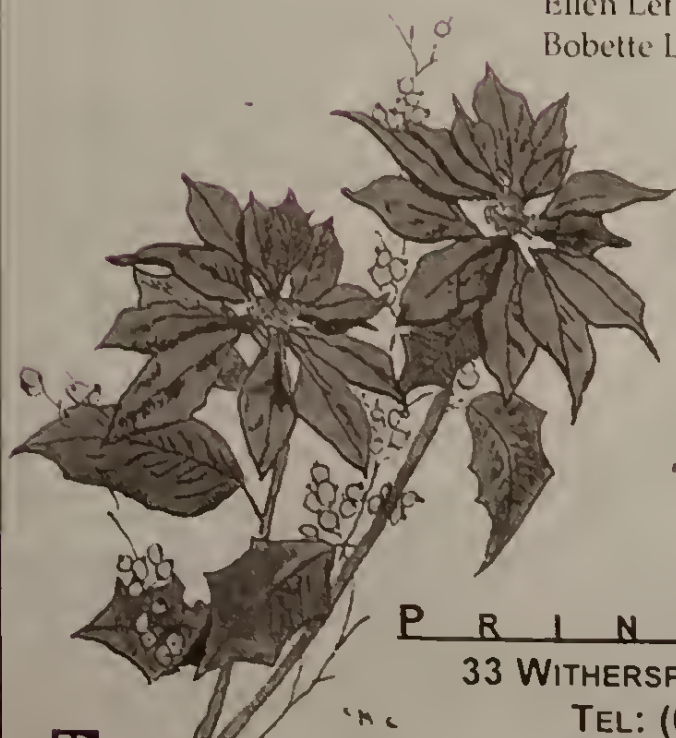
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Christmas Eve features special dinners for many, often inspired by ethnic heritage. For example, those of Italian ancestry often relish a dinner

of seafood, including calamari, bacalao, eel, and other fish of their choice. Homemade pasta, salad, vegetables, and Italian pastries are also highlights.

Other families enjoy different traditions. A neighbor always fixes a savory stew the night before Christmas before dealing with the last minute run to the store, wrapping gifts, assembling toys, and putting final touches on the

During the celebration of Hanukkah, dinners center around latkes. These fried potato pancakes are the highlight, often served with applesauce or sour cream on the side. Meat, chicken or fish dishes accompany the latkes, and for dessert, some families enjoy the traditional rugelach and also Hanukkah sugar cookies and doughnuts.

A West Windsor friend reports that she and her husband started a tradition, right after they were married, of having a Hanukkah party. "We usually have between 25 and 45 guests. My husband makes the absolute best latkes in the world! He fries them while everyone is here. They are best made 'at the moment', although they can be made and frozen earlier."

Christmas dinner is a repeat of Thanksgiving for many people, while others enjoy roast beef, ham, duck, or pheasant. The dinner for a neighbor's family never varies, she reports. "If it changed, the diners would lose their appetites! We serve turkey, ham, mashed potatoes, our 'famous' green bean casserole, with French fried onions on top, a broccoli casserole, a creamed spinach casserole, a relish tray with olives, celery, carrots, radishes, etc.

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baked in orange shells, which are particularly delicious. The canned sweet potatoes are mixed with bourbon or brandy, chopped pecans, cinnamon and nutmeg, with a pecan half on top. One year, a friend and I set the oven on fire when we added extra bourbon! We have rolls too, and we finish with pumpkin and pecan pie — usually a couple of hours after dinner because we are stuffed."

If time is a problem, she adds there are many ways to simplify "The Feast." For example, order a turkey already roasted from the local market, bake whole sweet potatoes, buy frozen veggies, such as Stouffer's spinach

souffle or green beans with almonds. Frozen mashed potatoes can be quite tasty, and another friend vouches for Mrs. Smith's frozen cornbread stuffing.

Many markets and restaurants, such as McCaffrey's and Main Street, will prepare the entire dinner.

For a lot of people, however, the dinner and its preparation are tied together with ritual, tradition, and nostalgia. A Princeton friend, and terrific cook, remembers a special "turkey" story that took place a few years ago.

"A friend of mine, not experienced in preparing Thanksgiving turkey dinners, urgently needed to learn how to cook one because her new husband

was going to be transferred to Norway for his work. An inordinately strong believer in tradition, she wanted to be able to 'do' the Thanksgiving least there. In fact, I was with her when her husband set out for his foreign interview on the last plane leaving Newark airport as a blizzard was beginning to rage.

"We proceeded to her home, and as I got going with the various aspects of chopping and sauteing celery and onion and putting stuffing and turkey together, she took copious notes — which became five index cards typed single-spaced on both sides. The turkey cooked as we edited her notes, and had some wine. When the turkey was almost done, we transferred it to another roasting

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pan to make the gravy. More notes, of course.

Total Darkness
 "Gravy done, turkey with stuffing done, I had the roasting pan with the turkey in my potholdered grasp when the storm took its toll. The lights went out, and we were in total darkness! What a lovely candlelight dinner we enjoyed ... having cooked that bird just in the nick of time. We have had many good times over other dinners reminiscing about that special turkey."

New Year's Eve is, of course, a major eating opportunity. Dinner parties are prevalent, and considering that the main attraction is not until midnight, there is ample time for grazing, nibbling, munching, and serious eating. A New York City friend, formerly out on the town every New Year's Eve, reports that she now likes to spend the evening at home with friends.

"It has really become another 'traditional feast' at the house. We gather five or six couples, and each couple brings something — an hors d'oeuvre, rolls, vegetable casserole, salad, or dessert. Last year, we assigned 'hats and horns' to one couple whom we know do not really enjoy cooking, and we had some of the best noise-makers ever!

"We provide the main course: filet mignon and shrimp scampi. It's a relaxed night, with good conversation, good friends, good food, and champagne at the assigned moment."

New Year's Day parties — for those who haven't been up too late the night before — are also popular. Open houses, featuring egg nog, served in a festive punch bowl, a variety of hors d'oeuvres, finger food and sandwiches, as well as pastries, cakes, and cookies, are favorite ways to entertain.

If something more elaborate is the plan, there are all kinds of places in town to help with the food. Popular local eateries, such as Main Street and Bon Appetit, offer tempting appetizers and main courses to eat in or take out. Consider these mouthwatering possibilities: pistachio encrusted snapper, pork tenderloin linguini, wild mushroom lasagne, among so many others.

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New Year's Day brunch has become another popular celebration in recent years, and Princeton is a great place to get a brunch together. The local restaurants and gourmet emporiums all have special



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dishes to provide just what you need, including cold roast beef with horseradish in whipped cream sauce; all the ingredients to make veggie melt sandwiches — sliced avocado sprinkled with lemon juice and garlic salt; sliced tomato, mushroom and onions to saute together on which to melt the sliced cheese, and crusty wheat bread to pile everything on. Having a toaster nearby for the do-it-yourselfers is handy.

Lots of parsley and grape tomatoes surrounding everything offers festive finger food, as well as color. Celery stuffed with cream cheese, horseradish, and red caviar, and carrot chips, cucumber slices, and

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Pre-heat oven to 375

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one to 1½ pounds frozen hashbrown potatoes (with peppers and onions)
one pound breakfast sausage, cooked, drained (fat) and cooled
one pound grated cheddar or jack cheese
12 eggs
4 cups milk
¼ cup flour

Butter or "Pam" a 10 x 16 x 2-inch or equivalent size pan (may be made in two high-sided pans). Spread potatoes evenly as first layer. Crumble sausage as next layer, then add cheese. After beating eggs, milk and flour together, pour gently over layers. Bake one hour at 375 degrees. Serves 20.

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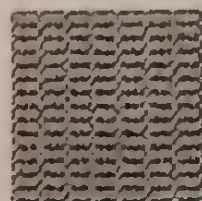
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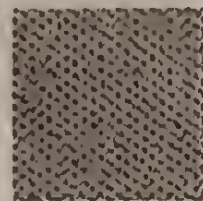
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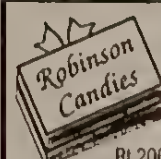


SPATULAS? THEY'RE GOIN' LIKE HOTCAKES: Last minute shoppers are stacked up at the check out of Kitchen Kapers, a store on Hulfish Street.

(Photo by George Vogel)



WRAPPING IT UP: Middle school students at Stuart Country Day School of the Sacred Heart wrap gifts for former students of Sacred Heart Trenton, which closed its doors last spring. Gifts were donated by individuals in the Stuart community and distributed to the Trenton children during a special party. Here gifts were wrapped by students including, from left, sixth graders Molly Alexandra Ferrara of Skillman, Pia Swahney of Princeton Junction, and Cynthia Kumar of Cranbury.



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One of the most popular aspects of all these holiday dinners and parties are the leftovers. No question — many people look forward to the leftovers even more than the main event. Indeed, the "day after" is the best part of the Christmas feast, says a neighbor.

"Turkey sandwiches (hot with gravy or cold with cranberry sauce), curried turkey salad with chutney, turkey hash, and of course, turkey soup are all favorites."

Adds another friend: "After you've eaten as many turkey sandwiches as you can and you have carefully wrapped the leftover turkey you cleaned off the carcass, it's soup time. My own favorite is to break up the carcass, put it in a soup pot, add two or more quarts of water and a clove of garlic. Bring to a boil, lower heat and simmer the pot for at least two hours. Strain the bones from the stock and put the pot with the broth where it can get cold enough to take the grease off the top after a good overnight chilling.

"Now, you can make whatever soup appeals to you. For zucchini soup, for example, with the defatted stock in a soup pot, chop two pounds of zucchini and mince a garlic clove. Flavor with some cayenne and curry and either blend smooth or eat it chunky, as I enjoy it."

Hustle and Bustle

My neighbor reports on his wife's turkey soup, which has become a ritual in the family. "The morning after Christmas, she makes the soup in a crock pot, adding a couple of carrots, an onion, some celery, salt and pepper, a little poultry seasoning, even a handful of stuffing and a cup of gravy to the turkey carcass. It cooks overnight, and the aroma is still there in the house when we wake up the next morning. Sometimes, she also strains it and adds tortellini and peas.

"That night, we invite a few friends and neighbors over for soup and bread and leftover pies and Christmas cookies. It's a relaxing evening after all the hustle and bustle of the meal the night before."

Adds another friend: "Whenever we've been invited to someone else's house for Christmas dinner, we still cook our own turkey, either the day before or day after Christmas. We really like the leftover turkey, and this provides us with all the goodies."

The next main event for a lot of people, and which has become another eating tradition in recent years, is Super Bowl Sunday. A former east

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ANGELIC CHORISTER: Junior kindergartner Benjamin Gould takes pride in a rendition of "The Reindeer Hop" at Princeton Day School's lower school holiday concert. Children in junior kindergarten through fourth grade celebrated the songs of various holidays including Kwanzaa, the Asian New Year, Ramadan, Hanukkah, and Christmas.



JOYFUL SONG: Princeton resident Hailey Matthews, a junior kindergartner at Princeton Day School, lifts her voice in song at the school's lower school holiday concert on Thursday, December 18.

The Holiday Budget Crunch For Single Parents

The holidays bring unique pressures for single parents. Post divorce family budgets are often stretched thin, and during the holidays, when pressure to spend money on travel and gifts increases, it can be especially difficult.

Child support is calculated to provide for children's basic needs and it rarely covers the extra things parents want for their children. There may not be enough money to buy electronic games, roller blades, or a plane trip to visit relatives.

It helps to be flexible, adapt and consider the following suggestions:

Pool Money — If parents communicate well, combine the money used for gift buying. Some gifts can stay in one home, some in the other, and the children can bring shared toys back and forth.

Make Gifts — When there is not enough money for expensive toys, be creative, visit a craft store and make gifts.

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coast friend, now living in Arizona, looks forward to the big game, and especially to the socializing and eating that accompanies it.

"We have had a Super Bowl party since we moved here, and it's always the same. Most guests bring something — usually their 'specialty' — and we provide the spiral baked ham, a deli tray with turkey, cold meats, etc., and the creme de la creme: my two kinds of chili.

"The red chili includes stew meat plus ground beef, the usual chili ingredients, but this one has three kinds of beans, and our two secret ingredients: peanut butter and cheddar cheese. The white chili is also delicious, with chicken, white beans, chicken broth, mild jalapeno peppers and onions. Some people fill the bowl with half red and half white.

"Our friends bring cornbread, salsa and chips, salads, cold veggies, rye bread, and last year, one couple brought a huge bowl of shrimp (they will be invited next year!) Of course, there are lots of desserts: tiny pecan pie tarts, tiny cherry cheesecakes, layered nut, caramel and chocolate cookies, a few pies, and a layer cake, among others."

So much food, so little time! But with the arrival of Hanukkah, Christmas, New Year's, and Super Bowl Sunday, not to mention all those leftovers, the opportunities are upon us. Bon appetit!

—Jean Stratton

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HOLIDAY LIGHTS: Joshua Pughe-Sanford, of Princeton Friends School, at left, and Obaid ul Haque, of the Nur-ul-Imam Islamic school in Monmouth Junction, recently created paper lanterns together in celebration of Ramadan. According to tradition, the lanterns are carried by children who visit friends and neighbors after the breakfast meal during the month of Ramadan. Children from Princeton Friends School and the Nur-ul-Imam school have spent the past two years visiting each other in a program of friendship and cultural exchange.

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THE JOY OF GIVING: Princeton Day School students, parents, faculty, and staff joined in a school-wide effort recently to help brighten Christmas for families at Trenton's Christ Episcopal Church. Wrapped toys and gifts for 129 of the parish's children were donated. The school's effort has been organized for the last eight years by parent Cathy Greek, who worked with religion teacher Bill Stoltzfus to collect the gifts. Among the enthusiastic student donors were these PDS third-graders — from left, in front: Lauren Paneyko, Camryn Yurcisin, Colby White, and Jillian Kelly; and in back, Jack Keynon, Zeeza Cole, Betsy Sednaoui, Brendon Hunt, and Bobby Madani.



TOYS FROM TOTS TO TOTS: In lieu of the annual gift exchange at Princeton Montessori School, students this year donated holiday toys to children in need supported by the Martin House of Trenton, through a Toys for Tots Program sponsored by the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve. Shown presenting their gifts to the unidentified Marines last week were, from left, Chloe Ekberg of Princeton, Lucas Padulo of Princeton, Neel Shah of Yardley, and Zachary Milestone of Skillman.

PEOPLE



Arthur Brooks

Arthur Brooks, an engineer at Princeton Plasma Physics Laboratory, has been honored as this year's PPPL Distinguished Engineering Fellow. He was recognized for "outstanding engineering accomplishments in the areas of electromagnetic, thermal-hydraulic, and structural analysis for numerous experimental devices and design studies."

"Art's list of contributions to the Laboratory's projects includes all of our large-scale facilities," said PPPL Director Rob Goldston. "He has made critical, creative contributions to every one of them."

A Plainsboro resident, Mr. Brooks is a member of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers. The Distinguished Research and Engineering Fellow Program, funded by the U.S. Department of Energy, was created to recognize members of the Laboratory's research staff. Fellows receive one-time gifts of \$5,000 and qualify for priority in their research and engineering programs.



Claire Jacobus

Claire Jacobus has been named the winner of the Leslie "Bud" Vivian Award for Community Service, awarded annually by The Princeton Area Community Foundation. Mrs. Jacobus was cited for having served the community as a volunteer to many organizations for more than 30 years.

The award will be presented to Mrs. Jacobus at a Service in Celebration of Community Service at the Princeton University Chapel on Sunday, February 29. A \$1,750 grant to a charity of her choice will be presented to the Princeton Public Library on January 15.

The Vivian Award for Community Service, established in 1995 by members of the Princeton University Class of 1942, recognizes a person who best exemplifies the qualities of the late Bud Vivian in leadership and commitment to the Princeton community. Mrs. Jacobus has served on the board of The Princeton Senior Resource Center, Princeton Adult School, Princeton Friends School, and Community without Walls. She has also volunteered her time to many other community organizations and committees.

community service projects and mentoring programs," said Ms. Almeida.

A Harrison resident, Ms. Almeida has held numerous Governor-appointed positions in New Jersey. In 1998, former Gov. Whitman appointed her to the board of directors of Passaic Valley Sewerage Commissioners. She was appointed commissioner of the Harrison Housing Authority in 1995, a post she continues to hold.



Irene Almeida

Air Force Master Sergeant **Jeffrey Shangle**, the son of Princeton resident Rosemary Shangle-Johnson and the late Russell Shangle Sr., was recently awarded the Bronze Star Medal for his actions during Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan. A 1981 Princeton High School graduate, Sgt. Shangle also served in Operation Iraqi Freedom. He is currently stationed in Germany with his wife Michelle and their three daughters.



Jeffrey Shangle

Irene Almeida has joined Friends of Homeless Animals, a non-profit dedicated to the rescues of homeless companion pets, as vice president and general manager. Among her new responsibilities will be opening an animal adoption facility and community center in the Blawenber district of Montgomery Township in the fall of 2004.

The location of the new facility, across the street from the new high school in Montgomery, "offers extraordinary opportunities for partnerships,

Stephanie S. Rangel of Princeton, a junior global business major at Rider University, has been named a 2003 scholarship recipient from the Delta Sigma Pi international business fraternity. Each year the Rider chapter of the business fraternity presents scholarships to two or three outstanding business students at its annual homecoming luncheon. Ms. Rangel is an undergraduate member of the fraternity.

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SHOPPING AT ICI: Emily Hunt, working in ICI on Palmer Square, helps Gr Holdcraft, whose granddaughter sang for the Christmas tree light...g ceremony.

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ART

Travel Destinations Shown Through Local Artist's Eyes

Princeton resident Deborah Singer Soffen is currently featured in an exhibit on display at the Jewish Center of Princeton at 435 Nassau Street.

The exhibit, which will run through January 5, displays Ms. Soffen's collection of watercolors and oil paintings depicting various travel destinations, including the beach in Nantucket, Martha's Vineyard, California's wine country.

Two smaller pen and ink drawings with watercolor washes are also exhibited.

There was a reception on December 14.

Several of the paintings will be available for purchase as giclee prints. Twenty percent of the sale price is a donation to the Jewish Center, and the remainder of the profits will support ovarian cancer research and awareness in memory of her cousin, Carole Singer.

For more information, call the Jewish Center of Princeton at (609) 921-0100.

Grounds for Sculpture Hosts Dinner and Movie

Every Thursday evening from January through March will feature the Grounds for Sculpture series "Dinner and a Movie" that includes dinner, a tour of the grounds, and a feature film.

A dinner catered by Soufflé Caterers can be reserved for anytime between 5:30 and 7:30 p.m. Tours of the "Amazing Animal Exposition" featuring sculptures by artists such as Fernando Botero, Deborah Butterfield, and Tom Otterness will be offered between 6 and 7:30 p.m. and are dependent on docent availability.

Films are based on the theme of the series, and will be shown on the Domestic Arts Building mezzanine.

Visitors can choose to partake in any one or all activities available in the series. Films and tours are included in the price of admission. Dinner will be offered for an additional \$25 per person, plus tax and gratuity.

Throughout January, the series will also complement the annual amateur photography show, "Focus on Sculpture 2004," with films centering on the theme of "photographers of influence."

Featured artists include Allred Stieglitz, Man Ray, Ansel Adams, Diane Arbus, and Annie Liebowitz.

In February, "Sculptors of Influence" will feature films about Alexander Calder, Giacomo Puccini, Jacques Lipchitz, and Isamu Noguchi.

Finally, March's theme will be "Women of Influence." Artists included will be Louise Nevelson, Louise Bourgeois, and Elizabeth Catlett — the winner of the 2003 International Sculpture Center Lifetime Achievement Award.

On March 25, a special screening of "Stong-Cuevas Sculpture" will be shown commemorating the end of the series. Filmmaker Lana Jokel will be on hand to talk to visitors. Dinner arrangements should be made directly with Soufflé Caterers by calling (609) 890-6015. Grounds for Sculpture will be open late for the movie events.

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CRAFT EXHIBIT AND SALE: This straw-woven bowl is one of the many items featured at the second annual exhibit and sale of contemporary crafts at the Montgomery Center for the Arts at 124 Montgomery Road in Skillman. Gallery hours are Tuesday through Sunday from noon to 4 p.m. For more information, call (609) 921-3272.



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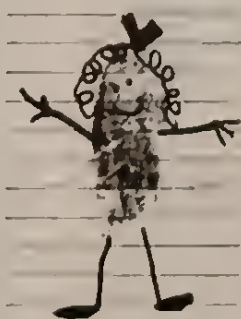
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GARB FOR THE AGES: The Anne Reid Art Gallery at Princeton Day School is currently exhibiting collections of ancient textiles created in the Orient during the 19th century. Gallery hours are Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. while school is in session. For more information, call (609) 924-6700, or visit www.pds.org.

Silk Robes, Sarongs Displayed at Reid Gallery

The Anne Reid Art Gallery at Princeton Day School is currently exhibiting collections of ancient textiles created in the Orient during the 19th century.

Ikat, an ancient and time consuming art, is created by wrapping and dyeing patterns into silks before the warp or the weft of the weaving begins. Wearing an ikat used to symbolize royalty and represented a descent from a celestial deity using colors to signify divine beings who were believed to have controlled the world.

The robes and sacred cloths exhibited at PDS originated in central Asian countries that currently make up Uzbekistan, Turkmenistan, and Syria. Ikats from Cambodia, Laos, Thailand, and Burma will also be on display.

Historically, these cloths were brought from India via trade routes, which is evident in the images found in the cloths. One crustaceous creature represented, the shrimp, symbolized the afterlife, always shedding its hardened shell for a newer skin — a rejuvenation believed to have occurred with death.

Socially, there was a sharp distinction of class depending on which clothing style was worn — much like modern times! There was a noble class, a common class, and a slave class. The nobility alone had sole right to particular designs and colors.

The first established public collections of ikats were collected in 1868. These cloths, which are now located in the Ashmolean Museum, Oxford, the Victoria and Albert Museum, London, the Bern Historisches Museum, Bern, and the Hermitage, St. Petersburg, describe a period of Asian history.

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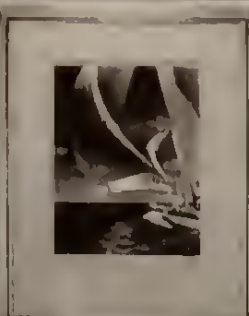
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Artist's Work Displayed At Michener Art Gallery

The artwork of Alan Magee is currently the subject of an exhibit at James A. Michener Art Gallery at 138 S. Pine Street in Doylestown, Pa.

The retrospective exhibition includes examples of Mr. Magee's paintings, collages, and sculpture. Curated by Museum Director Bruce Katsiff, it was organized in cooperation with the Farnsworth Art Museum in Rockland, Maine.

Also featured are the artist's award-winning illustrations from the 1970s, which were reproduced in Time, Playboy, Atlantic Monthly, and The New York Times. A special ham Greene and Bernard Mal-section of the exhibit will amud. Mr. Magee credits this present a selection of mono-immersion in the literary types (single impression realm as a critical influence. prints) that were part of a He acquired a combination of recent, Internationally-touring technical skill and perception exhibition.

Originally from Newtown, Pa., Mr. Magee attended Bucks County Community College, the Tyler School of Art, and Philadelphia College of Art. "I have been fascinated by the forms, surfaces, and textures of the world around me," he said. "I feel compelled to make drawings that record these details, in an attempt to preserve the excitement of these discoveries."

Magee branched away from the abstract examples set before him as an art student in the 1960s, and began to attempt the basics of drawing from the 1970s, which were and illustration. His early pro-

Among Mr. Magee's early works are a number of paintings of beach stones inspired by the shores of New England. In later works, he turned from his realist mode to various ink and brush pieces, monotypes, oil crayon, and watercolor studies. He then began to incorporate elements of collage in his monotypes in the 1980s.

The exhibit is currently underway at the Wachovia Gallery at the Michener Art Museum and will run through Saturday, January 24. There is an additional \$4 admission fee to the exhibit on top of the museum's admission fee. General admission is free for museum members, \$6 for adults, \$3 for students with ID, and \$5.50 for senior citizens aged 60 and older. Children under 6 years are free.

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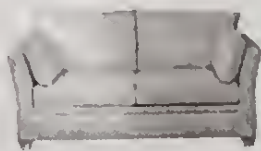
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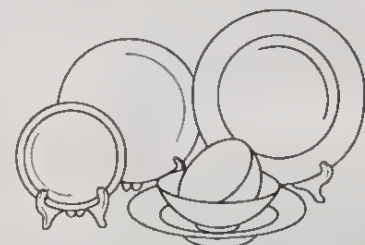


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